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Syrians pull back from Sidon area

BEIRUT. — Syrian troops and tanks yesterday began a pullback from hills above the port of Sidon in south Lebanon from which they had been pounding the Palestine Liberation Organization and Lebanese leftist forces.

The withdrawal of armoured units was seen as a gesture to facilitate the start of talks between Syria and the PLO, called for by Arab League foreign ministers in Cairo on Tuesday.

Libyan Premier Abdul-Salam Jalloud arrived in Beirut. Informed sources said Jalloud is carrying a proposal which would bring about a high level Syrian-PLO meeting today.

The PLO command reported Syrian tank units left their dug-in positions above Sidon and headed inland to the mountain town of Jezzin, only 10 km. east.

The Syrians made no move to retreat from other positions from which they control most of northeast and south Lebanon, with at least 13,000 soldiers and 450 tanks.

Earlier reports from Beirut said that the Syrian partial withdrawal was carried out under Russian pressure. Word that Moscow was exerting such pressure on Damascus came from leftist chieftain Kamal Jumblatt.

The Syrian Union is asking for the withdrawal of the Syrian army," he said after a series of meetings with Soviet Ambassador Alexander Soltanov. "The Soviet Union's position is clear and I believe it will have a great effect toward a political settlement of the conflict."

A PLO spokesman said Soltanov had promised Jumblatt and Arafat he would ask the Syrians "to withdraw as soon as possible."

In Cairo the PLO yesterday questioned the effectiveness of a resolution passed by the emergency foreign ministers' conference, declaring it would do little to stop the bloodshed in Lebanon. The two-day conference ended late Tuesday with a call for a cease-fire and a decision to keep up the Arab League's peace-keeping force with men and weaponry.

(AP, UPI)

Carter all set for nomination

NEW YORK. — Jimmy Carter was all set to receive the Democratic presidential nomination last night. Not until he has that prize in hand does Carter intend to name his running mate.

Carter told reporters he would not notify his choice until this morning, just before he plans to make it public. He said he would tell the others only that they had not been chosen.

Carter also spent part of yesterday working on his acceptance speech.

The third session of the Democratic national convention opened at 8 p.m. (10.00 GMT), and at 3 a.m., Israel time today and sometime before midnight (7 a.m. Israel time) during the call of the roll of delegations, Carter's vote total would top the 1,000 needed for the nomination.

With that accomplished, the convention was to await his decision on a running mate to complete the Democratic ticket.

Wolf Blitzer adds: Israel's rescue at Entebbe airport was hailed by the Democratic national convention early yesterday morning.

Gov. Wendell Anderson of Minnesota, chairman of the platform committee, read a statement approved by the rules committee "congratulating" Israel on the mission. He was widely applauded by the Democratic delegates in Madison Square Garden.

Former UN Ambassador Daniel Moynihan, now a Democratic candidate for the Senate from New York, was said to have initiated the first statement, which followed other statements of support for Israel made earlier by Senator Frank Church of Idaho and former Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Elmo Zumwalt (ret.). They outlined the party's international relations plank in the platform.

Zumwalt said that the U.S. should not sacrifice its relations with its allies — and he specifically named Western Europe, Japan and Israel — in order to maintain a policy of détente with the Soviet Union.

Church denounced the Ford Administration's massive arms sales to the Arab states, arguing that the U.S. should sell the Arabs food, "not guns."

The convention adopted the platform without change, including the Middle East plank, which is favourable to Israel. It calls upon the U.S. to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and to move the U.S. Embassy there from Tel Aviv.

(Reuter)

Kurds claim new guerrilla war

LONDON. — Kurdish guerrillas in northern Iraq have launched attacks within 140 km. of Baghdad and in the Turkish border region, the Kurdistan Democratic Party said here yesterday.

A London spokesman of the party, which is seeking autonomy for Iraqi Kurdistan, said Pesh Merga guerrillas had struck early this month at a new settlement being built on the outskirts of Khanaqin, north-east of Baghdad, to house Arab families being moved in to dilute the Kurdish population.

Several settlers were killed, the spokesman said. He added that 73 members of the security forces were killed in clashes in May and June in Khanaqin and Dibok provinces.

When the KDP first claimed last month that it had renewed the guerrilla war, 15 months after it had collapsed with the withdrawal of Iranian support, the Iraqi Embassy here said the reports of fighting were unfounded.

(Reuter)

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Shouldn't strain ties, Allon tells Mexico

Jerusalem Post Staff

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon has reminded Mexico that while friendly relations with Israel were not dependent upon full identity of political views, it was desirable that these relations be jointly protected from "too severe tests."

In a message to his Mexican counterpart, Allon strongly criticized the letter circulated by Mexico in the UN Security Council. The letter — distributed on the instructions of Mexican President Echeverria — condemned the Entebbe rescue as a "flagrant violation" of the UN Charter and international law which created a precedent "of incalculable danger for all civilized coexistence."

Allon took issue with the Mexican attempt to dissociate the Palestine Liberation Organization from its general condemnation of terrorism. "The PLO," Allon wrote, "is the body which has and continues to foment Palestinian terrorism with all its international ramifications. It is not worthy of the faith which Mexico has declared in it in the past, and peace in the Middle East will not be advanced by a reiteration of that faith."

Wolf Blitzer reports from Washington: The American Jewish leadership yesterday condemned Mexico's position on the Israel rescue mission in Uganda, but has not called for

a resumed travel boycott against that state.

Meeting in New York, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations issued a statement deploring "the letter sent on July 9 to the President of the UN Security Council by Mexico."

The Presidents' Conference said that it regards the Mexican statement as "false and misleading," which can serve only to encourage Jewish terrorist activity. "But the Jewish leadership noted that President Echeverria is a 'jane-doe' leader, who is due to leave office in December, and who 'apparently is still seeking to court favour with the Afro-Asian bloc whose vote he needs to win election to a sought after UN post.'"

Apparently taking into consideration Echeverria's position, the Presidents' Conference decided not to mention the matter of a travel boycott against Mexico by American Jews, as had taken place last year following Mexico's vote in favour of the Zionism racism resolution at the UN.

At the United Nations on Tuesday, Israel said that political expediency caused Mexico to criticize the Entebbe rescue raid undertaken against "a common enemy of Mexico (Continued on page 2, col. 2)

Africans try to modify UN resolution

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS. — The Security Council resumed its debate last night on the Israel rescue operation at Entebbe airport, with the African delegates attempting to modify their resolution condemning Israel in an effort to win the necessary nine affirmative votes on the 15-member body.

The Africans, together with the Soviet and Arab bloc states, were attempting to ease slightly the criticism against Israel in the hope of convincing Japan and Panama to vote with them, rather than to abstain, as they said they would do.

Even if the African delegations could muster nine votes, the resolution would be blocked by a certain U.S. veto. The African caucus, however, was necessary because there was a possibility they would decide not to bring their draft resolution to a vote unless nine votes were assured. Otherwise, it would be interpreted as a major setback

to the non-aligned bloc, which usually gets its way in the international body.

An American-British resolution condemning airline hijackings and other acts of terror was also being debated, but that resolution was unlikely to win more than five votes.

The current debate at the council has not been without its lighter moments.

Israel's ambassador Chaim Herzog has strongly lashed out against Libya on several occasions, accusing the Libyan government of being the "paymaster" of the terrorists. The Libyan ambassador, using his right of reply, arose to ask Herzog, following an unusually strong blast: "Why do you hate Libya?"

Whereupon Herzog quipped: "I never said I hate Libya. Some of my best friends are Libyans."

At another point, the Soviet delegate accused Israel of "aggression" during the Entebbe raid.

Using his right of reply, Herzog blasted the Soviets, pointing to the invasion of Hungary in 1956 and Czechoslovakia in 1968. The Israeli envoy then turned to the Chinese ambassador and said: "And perhaps my Chinese colleague could elaborate on this subject."

At another point, the Soviet ambassador asked Herzog why he repeatedly has attacked the United Nations, which "created Israel." Herzog replied that the UN did not "create Israel," which was "created" 3,000 years ago before anyone even dreamt of the Soviet Union.

Mauritius will do all in its power to convince the Ugandan authorities to return the body of Mrs. Dora Bloch to Israel. This was promised by the Foreign Minister of Mauritius to Israel's UN Ambassador Haim Herzog yesterday.

The minister also confided to Herzog that many African countries were disappointed in the UN discussions on the Entebbe episode.

Israel, U.S. conclude \$800m. nuclear deal

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — A delegation of Israeli legal and atomic energy experts visited Washington last week to work out final details of the sale of two U.S. 450 megawatt nuclear reactors to Israel, informed sources here revealed yesterday.

The delegation, headed by Meir Rosenne, legal adviser at the Foreign Ministry, and David Peleg, deputy director of the atomic energy authority, met with their American counterparts and were said to have reached tentative agreement on the approximately \$800m. sale.

The U.S. and Israel have not yet decided when the nuclear reactor agreement will be officially signed.

The U.S.-Israeli negotiations come more than three years after former President Richard Nixon agreed in principle to provide nuclear reactors to Israel and Egypt. During President Anwar Sadat's visit to Washington last November, the deal with the Egyptians was concluded, but negotiations with Israel have dragged on.

According to the sources here, the negotiators have agreed that the proposed reactors would be constructed and become operational by 1985.

Two Gaza terror cells cracked

Security forces have arrested 46 suspected terrorists in the Gaza Strip in the past few weeks, the army spokesman announced yesterday. The 46 belonged to two cells of the "Forces of Liberation" group, and were found in possession of ammunition and materials for making booby traps, he said.



Enth Hammond, niece of missing hijack hostage Dora Bloch, talks with Members of Parliament: from left, Geoffrey Finnsbury and Dr. Rhodes Boyson, as they and other protesters demonstrate outside Uganda House in London's Trafalgar Square yesterday.

U.S. threat to quit Olympics

MONTREAL. — The U.S. Olympic Committee yesterday threatened to withdraw from the Montreal Games over the Taiwan dispute, the Associated Press learned.

The U.S. turned on the pressure three days before the troubled Games were to open, forcing the executive board of the International Olympic Committee into an emergency meeting.

The possibility of an American boycott arose after the national Olympic Committee in Taipei said its team would not compete in the Games on the terms requested by the IOC and the Canadian Government — that is, without its flag and name of the Republic of China.

The IOC postponed its general session yesterday while its executive board frantically explored new ways of solving the dispute.

A request for an urgent Knesset discussion on the interjection of politics into the Olympics was lodged last evening by MK's Yosef Sarid (Alignment) and Ehad Olmert (Likud). They asked for a plenum discussion on the issue.

They pointed out that if the participation of the Taiwan sports delegation is affected, Israel will be the next victim in the 1980 Olympic games due to take place in Moscow.

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Uganda orders out second UK diplomat

LONDON. — The Uganda Government has officially ordered the withdrawal of Britain's acting high commissioner in Kampala, James Horrocks, the Foreign Office said yesterday.

He will leave Uganda shortly, probably within the next few days, a Foreign Office spokesman said. President Idi Amin said on Tuesday he would expel Horrocks, but the British Government ordered him to stay at his post until it received a formal request for his withdrawal.

That request was made in a note from the Uganda High Commissioner in London, the spokesman said.

There are no immediate plans for the return of the High Commissioner, Mr. James Hennessey, who is at present in London, the spokesman said, but a replacement for Horrocks is being considered.

A Foreign Office spokesman also said yesterday there were no immediate plans to airlift the 500 Britons living in Uganda back to Britain. Earlier, a Royal Air Force spokesman had said a fleet of jets was "instantly available" to mount an airlift if required.

Radio Uganda said in a broadcast monitored in London that Ugandan military forces had been ordered to shoot down any British air force planes sighted over the country. It also quoted a military spokesman as saying the lives of

British nationals in Uganda would be endangered if any British air force planes were sent there.

Earlier in the day, 10 angry members of Parliament claimed Uganda's High Commissioner here snubbed them when they went to deliver a letter protesting the reported death of British-Israeli hijack hostage victim Dora Bloch.

The MPs, led by Eric Moonman, were delivering the letter on behalf of a group called the British Committee for Dora Bloch. They said when they arrived, they found the commission's doors locked and booted. Ugandan high commissioner Frederick Kikagura Isingoma then walked straight past them and away from the building, they said.

Labour M.P. Geoffrey Finnsbury said it was "a deliberate snub."

"The high commissioner was here this morning — we know that from more than one very reliable source — and he walked away when he saw us," Janner said. "But it is typical and what you come to expect from this regime."

Mrs. Bloch, 75, who holds dual British-Israeli nationality, was left behind in Uganda when the Israeli commando raid rescued more than 100 hostages from Uganda's Entebbe airport on July 3. She had been taken from the airport to hospital

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Early bonds redemption law being tabled Sunday

By GIDION ESHEET
Jerusalem Post Reporter

About IL2,000m. may be injected into the economy in the next few months, if the Knesset approves a bill permitting early redemption of government bonds.

According to a draft law, to be approved on Sunday by the Ministerial Economic Committee, the Finance Minister will be authorized to redeem voluntary war loan bonds before maturity time. Although the law specifies that this may be done only in cases of distress, it leaves the decision in the hands of the Finance Minister.

The reason behind the new law is to find a way to help the Maritime Fruit Company overcome its financial difficulties. Instead of granting a direct loan to MFC, the Finance Minister preferred to change the law.

Economic circles in Jerusalem reasoned that a loan could not have been granted because the company has no assets to guarantee the loan. The Finance Minister, however, feels that MFC must get some money. He fears that if he refused to grant the money, other sources

would follow suit and the company would go bankrupt. He also fears that other Israel shipping companies will find it difficult to receive international financing were it known that they do not have government backing.

"The Economist" wrote in its latest issue that the British Government is pressuring MFC to receive a \$15m. loan from a banking group to avoid bankruptcy. However, the British Journal writes, the banks demand that the present managers, Yacov Meridor and Milla Brenner, be replaced. The two, who also control a large share of MFC, object to their replacement.

Changing the law to enable early bonds redemption is therefore seen as a move to help Meridor and Brenner stand up to British pressure and secure Israel ownership of MFC. However, the sources point out, the new law might have further effect on the economy. If money is granted to MFC, other "distressed" companies and individuals will present similar demands. If they are met, up to IL2,000m. might be poured into the economy, creating unprecedented inflation.

Dayan: Israel must stay in areas

By YITZHAK OKEED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan called yesterday for an arrangement whereby Jews and Arabs would live together in the administered territories, with the Arabs remaining Jordanians and the land remaining under Israeli control.

Speaking to moshav-movement members of his Labour Party, the Knesset member said the decision on what to do about the territories was the most important one facing Israel since the founding of the state. The decision has to be taken

now, Dayan stressed, not left for some Messianic time when peace might come.

In a swipe at Professor Yigal Yadin, who has said Israel should make big withdrawals in return for peace, he said: "Yigal Yadin claims he does not believe peace will come in his lifetime. Then let him come out and say what he believes must be done in his lifetime, and more important, during the next year."

He stressed that Israelis were in the territories by right, not as conquerors.

Asked what his map of Israel looked like, Dayan answered that he was for giving the Arabs in the territories self-government and letting them have or keep Jordanian citizenship. But the IDF should be the only army in the area and Jews should be free to settle.

The Gaza Strip would be entirely Arab, but there should be Jewish settlements in Pithat Ra'ah, Sharm

e-Sheikh and the West Bank — on the top of the ridge, not just in the Jordan Rift (as under the Allon Plan).

These settlements must be made by Government decision, however, and not in a haphazard way.

Questioned whether the Arabs would agree to this, he replied that if we had to do things according to the desires of the Arabs we could pack our bags and go to Canada.

Dayan then emphasized his point again: "I am not talking about a partition, but of finding a modus vivendi with the IDF in control. It is not an ideal plan but it is

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Social and Personal

Supreme Court President Shimon Agranat yesterday met with Justice Angelio Branca of British Columbia. He also met with Moshe Appel, director of Israel Bonds in Canada.

Italian Ambassador Fausto Bacetti yesterday called on Minister without Portfolio Gideon Hausner at his office in Jerusalem.

The Rotary Club of Tel Aviv-Jaffa will meet today at 1.15 p.m. at ZOA House in Tel Aviv to hear Prof. Yosef Gross of Tel Aviv University lecture on the Entebbe hijacking.

ARRIVALS

Sidney Shipton, General Secretary of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland, and Mrs. Shipton, for the Jewish Agency Assembly.

She refuses test; he gets dog

TEL AVIV. — The classic Talmudic case of "two persons holding onto the same tail," was only partially applicable to the case which came before the Magistrate's Court here yesterday. The conclusion of the trial included a "lie-detector" test not mentioned in the rabbinic tractate.

Two persons, Benny Raveh and Lea Sankevitz, claimed ownership of a sheep-dog named "Lark." The woman maintained she had purchased "Lark" from Raveh for IL500 and had raised and trained the dog. The canine later disappeared, according to her version, and was later found in Raveh's flat.

Raveh, for his part, claimed the dog was his, and that the woman had only watched over the dog when he went abroad. "This is a case of two persons holding onto the same dog," said the Magistrate. "He decided to apply a lie-detector test to ascertain the truth. Raveh consented but Lea Sankevitz refused claiming the payment she was being asked to make for the test was too stiff."

The dog went to Benny Raveh and the woman was ordered to pay court costs. (Him)

Young swimmers win

DARMSTADT, West Germany. — Israel won three events at the annual international youth swimming festival here this week.

Anat Farikas won the girls' 12-13 years 100 metres breaststroke in one minute 20.61 seconds. In boys' 16-17 years competition, Allan Acker won the 200 metres butterfly in 2:20.00, and Aharon Tivon was first in the 100 metres freestyle in 56.95 seconds. (Reuter)

We announce with sorrow the passing of

JOSEPH KOTT

The funeral leaves today from Beilinson Hospital at 1.30 p.m. to the Holon Cemetery.

Esther Kott

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Daughters-in-law, grandsons, granddaughters, brother, sister and family

The Organization of Friends of Magen David Adom abroad joins with Magen David Adom in Israel in mourning the passing of their President.

Dr. JOSEPH KOTT

and extend condolences to the bereaved family.

Magen David Adom in Israel mourns the death of the President of Magen David Adom

Dr. JOSEPH KOTT

and grieves with the bereaved family.

The coffin will leave today at 1.30 p.m. from Beilinson Hospital and will pass Magen David Adom headquarters in Rehov Gabborei Yisrael, Yad Eliahu at 2 p.m.

At 3.30 p.m. the funeral will take place at the Holon Cemetery.

Zionist General Council decides:

Still no democratic elections

Jerusalem Post Reporter

In an angry confrontation that pitted the younger generation against the elders, the Zionist General Council last night approved an amendment in its regulations that will prevent democratic elections of delegates to the next Zionist Congress.

The amendment, proposed by Kalman Sultank of the Zionist Confederation, was supported by 47 members of the 123-member Zionist Council (the legislative body of the World Zionist Organization). Twelve members of the Young Leadership Division of the WZO (made up of Mapai and NRP-Mizrachi delegates) vociferously opposed the change, on the grounds that it would prevent new blood from entering the Zionist establishment at the Congress, which will open in Jerusalem next January.

Under the regulation change, if 90 per cent of each country's election committee approve a list of delegates, then no elections will take place in that country. The young people charged that the change would allow the delegates of the previous Congress to automatically take part in the next Congress and permit "older folks" to form the Zionist Executive even before the Congress takes place.

The vote, taken at a special meeting of the Zionist Council after yesterday's afternoon session of the Jewish Agency Assembly, followed unanimous votes in favour of minor changes in the Council's constitution. (The Jewish Agency Assembly contains both Zionist and "non-

Zionist" delegates; the Zionists are members of the Zionist General Council.) After catcalls filled the hall and a lone, hand-painted placard rose, the younger generation managed to win a plurality for a separate vote which would limit the change to the next Zionist Congress. When the next vote — passing the amendment — was announced, a number of delegates walked out.

Uri Gordon, head of the Young Leadership Division, said later that the vote would bring the Zionist Organization to shame and would likely destroy the chance for change in the Organization. "There is no Zionist movement — it is only a fiction," he said.

The young Zionists say they are considering the holding of their own Congress — "a democratic one."

Fund-raisers want more say

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

American Jewish fund-raisers are dissatisfied with the limited role as budget reviewers that they have been granted in the Jewish Agency and want a greater voice in helping to set its policies, United Jewish Appeal general chairman Frank Lautenberg asserted yesterday.

"I get more and more inquiries from my colleagues and other fund-raisers in the U.S. on what the Agency does and how it functions," he said, in an interview with The Jerusalem Post during a break in the Agency Assembly meetings at Binyanei Ha'Ooma in Jerusalem. "Many feel that they want to do more than simply go over the budget and approve or deny allocations — which isn't the traditional main function of a board of directors."

After watching a number of classes of personality and function during the week (Agency Board of Governors chairman Max Fisher arranged a reconciliation between Treasurer Arye Dulzin and Executive chairman Yosef Almogi after difference of opinion flared up between the two), Lautenberg commented: "I don't approve of disputes that arise in management. A more concerted effort to work



Frank Lautenberg

harmoniously must take place. The agency is bigger than individuals; it has the rare opportunity of influencing and inspiring a people, rather than just being a social service agency."

The 52-year-old general chairman from New Jersey has noticed some improvements (the budget presentation, he noted, was better than ever before), but he insists that "every management position should be given to the best possible person, and not according to affiliation."

The fund-raisers were rather of-

fended by a number of remarks by agency officials and other speakers during the assembly plenary to the effect that they "were not doing enough" to collect much-needed money in the Diaspora. "It's not fair to chastise a community that does so well, and most of them are volunteers who give so much of their time and effort," he maintained. "The UJA is a voluntary army; it's not enough to extend your hand and ask for money. You have to educate and establish personal contact. The population from whom we collect funds is really smaller than it appears — because of assimilation. Reprimands and criticism only make it seem as if what we are doing is not good."

Lautenberg is pleased by the resurgence of giving that resulted from the IDF rescue of hostages in Uganda, but he doesn't think it will fill the current \$85m. shortfall in the 1976-77 budget. "If it is not made up, the budget will have to be cut during the year." Since it has become UJA policy to encourage annual giving, rather than contributions stimulated by emergencies, he hopes the excitement over Entebbe will lead to a long-term reinforcement of identification with Israel.

Almogi formally elected

Jerusalem Post Staff

Yosef Almogi was almost unanimously (two opposed) elected Executive chairman of the Jewish Agency yesterday at the Agency Assembly plenum, after serving for six months as acting chairman.

Almogi promised the delegates that he and Treasurer Arye Dulzin, who have had their differences in the past, would work together. "I am a doer, and I can only promise that I'll do my best to implement your decisions," he said.

Earlier in the Assembly session at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'Ooma, Zionist General Council chairman Yitzhak Navon called on the delegates to give Almogi the top priority in Zionism.

Were Israel confronted with the choice between the UJA, Keren Hayesod and Bonds on the one side, and immigration on the other, he said, "we undoubtedly would choose

allya." History would judge the Jewish people only in respect of success or failure in the matter "which is the *raison d'être* for our life and guarantee for our survival." The manpower situation was becoming strained, Navon hinted. "A certain kibbutz on the northern border has been vainly begging the General Staff to allot it two additional men for guard duty. We are making great efforts to get more arms from the U.S., but some of the armaments are lying in store for lack of manpower."

"There is also a growing shortage of counsellors for delinquent youth, of police personnel, of officials to levy taxes, and of school teachers in distant areas," he said.

Meanwhile, in an unprecedented appearance before the Assembly's higher-education committee, Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef asked that some of the \$72m. to be spent by the Agency on higher education

this year be reserved for post-secondary yeshivot, where 25,000 students study today. He pointed out that an important way to make a dent in assimilation is to send rabbis and teachers abroad, and they are best taught in Israel.

The settlement committee was troubled for the second day with shouting and even a few blows when would-be settlers in Western Samaria asked to be heard. The chairman refused to give them the floor, saying the World Zionist Organization and not the Jewish Agency is responsible for settlement outside the Green Line.

A plan to build cheaper — but better — housing in less time than at present was described by Prof. Robert Laughner of the U.S., at the housing committee. The plan, with a construction date in 1978, has been worked on jointly by the Housing Ministry, the Agency and several universities.

Soviet immigrants demand voice

By SARAH HONIG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Soviet immigrants claim that they are denied representation in the various organizations purporting to work on behalf of Soviet Jews. The charge was made yesterday by the head of the Soviet Immigrants' Association, Grisha Feigin, in a strongly-worded

message to participants in the Jewish Agency Assembly.

Feigin said that this was true both of the Jewish Agency and other organizations. Instead of giving new-comers a say in the struggle against Soviet Aliya restrictions and the tendency of Soviet Jews to "drop-out" in Vienna, these vital decisions "are left in the hands of 'veteran Zionist functionaries,' for most of whom the issue of Soviet Jewry is at best a hobby and at worst a business."

No one knows the mentality of Soviet Jews better than the immigrants themselves, and no one can better communicate with them, the Immigrants' Association argues. "At a time when everyone deals with Soviet Jews — from Jerusalem to Washington, via Paris and Lon-

don — the Soviet immigrants themselves are not given a chance to contribute to this struggle. Meanwhile, over 110,000 immigrants from the USSR reside in Israel and can be of incalculable help." Feigin's message continued.

Feigin further accused the Jewish establishment and World Jewry of "taking up the cause of Soviet Jews only when the Jewish re-awakening in the USSR had gained such intensity that it broke through the Iron Curtain. We fought before that too — but the world was silent."

The activist chairman of the Immigrants' Association finally asked the Jewish Agency not to regard the whole issue of Soviet Jewry "as political merchandise to be bartered between the Great Powers and used by them as a bargaining card."

Dropouts 'passing phenomenon'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The dropping-out of Jewish would-be olim in Vienna is but a "temporary phenomenon," according to Prof. Alexander Lerner, one of the oldest activists in Moscow.

This news was brought here by a Jewish Agency assembly delegate, Samuel Wigder of New York. Wigder recently visited Prof. Lerner at his home. Some 30 aliya activists were present at the meeting.

"After all it is a matter of personal choice," Lerner was quoted as saying. The group was dismayed, however, at the decline in world pressure on Russia on the matter of Jewish emigration.

The New York delegate who stopped at Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev, as well as Warsaw and Cracow in

Poland, en route here, said his visits were strictly private.

According to the aliya group he met with, 80 per cent of Jews in the Soviet Union want nothing better than complete assimilation. It is a mistake, they think, to press for rebirth of Jewish culture in the USSR — at best, it would result in a controlled manifestation such as Aaron Vergelis' Yiddish journal. The effort to help the Prisoners of Zion must be intensified, they stressed.

Many of the people he met, said Wigder, spoke fluent Hebrew.

There was no indication when Prof. Lerner himself might hope to come to Israel. He knows that his activity is closely watched by the authorities, but remains undeterred.

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on the death of his

BROTHER

Watching the names of their 'groups' lit up in flame, youngsters of the Shomer Hatzair attend the opening of the movement's Fifth Jamboree. (Rahamin Israeli)

Torches and trumpets open Shomria Jamboree

By SHOEBANA BIENBAUM

Jerusalem Post Reporter

JUDEAN HILLS. — Over 7,000 blue-clad youngsters of the Shomer Hatzair youth movement opened their fifth Jamboree with a gigantic open air roll-call here in the Har'el forests.

Carrying burning torches and red flags, teenagers of some 55 town and

country centres, together with foreign representatives, marched into a floodlit valley decorated by flaming emblems.

President Ephraim Katzir, his car led by a tractor, was greeted by Mapam Cabinet Ministers, Knesset Members and movement heads.

Trumpets sounded and fireworks burst into flame as the President was driven to the 'mifkad' (roll-

call) area in the centre of the 1,000-dunam area of the Jamboree. Greeting the participants, the President called for the movement to present the youth with new challenges. He congratulated the movement on the 8 new settlements it will set up. Cries of the motto "Chazak Ve'ematz" — "strengthen to be strong" — ended a brief but dramatic ceremony.

Gem-gunmen suspects freed

But two men 'invited' to see police

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two 23-year-old Hatziva Quarter men have been invited to police headquarters for questioning about Sunday evening's diamond robbery here, in which one diamond worker was killed. But no formal arrest has yet been made.

In the meantime, the special team set up by the police to investigate the IL400,000 robbery has released five suspects who had been held since Monday morning. The five had undergone lie detector tests which indicated they were not involved in the crime.

The police are optimistic about solving the crime, but evidently have very little to go on. The thieves — probably three in number — were masked and probably wore gloves. At any rate, no suspicious fingerprints have been found in the

diamond workshop on Rehov Ben-Avigdor nor on the Uzi magazine left at the scene.

There is a possibility that those who robbed the workshop and killed Yosef Salomon may have been acting on inside information. The police have accordingly been questioning workers at the shop and at other workshops in the building.

It is hoped the police team, headed by Pakad Sando Mazor, will be more successful than other police teams that have tried to break major crimes over the past year. The murder of Rehov Lillienblum dealer Mordechai Yamanik and his wife, the robbery of safe-deposit boxes at Barclay's Discount Bank in Ramat Gan, and the arson at the "Ha'arets" newspaper warehouse and Mars furniture building remain unsolved.



Joseph Kott

MDA head dead at 78

TEL AVIV. — The President of Magen David Adom, Dr. Joseph Kott, died yesterday morning in Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva at the age of 78. The funeral is to take place this afternoon at the Holon Cemetery.

Kott was born in Lithuania and came to this country when he was 27 years old. In 1936 he was appointed medical director of the Hagana, the pre-state underground. With the end of World War Two he left for Europe to offer his medical services to concentration camp survivors.

After joining the Magen David Adom staff in 1953, Kott served from 1950 to 1973 as chairman of the organization's executive, and was appointed by President Ephraim Katzir in the latter year as its president.

DAYAN AND THE AREAS

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one you can live with. It is also not an easy decision to take, but it is one that must be taken and as soon as possible, otherwise without our knowing it another ten years can go by.

"This decision is important also so that we can activate settlement policies in the West Bank. It is also important for ourselves, to emphasize that we are not foreigners in the West Bank. Judea and Samaria is Israel and we are not there as foreign conquerors but as Returners to Zion. An Israeli citizen shouldn't have to request a visa

from Mayor Jabari to visit Hebron," he said.

Dayan, whose own roots were in a moshav (Nahalal) felt quite at home at the meeting. "Tanned and looking much thinner than in years, he said he saw the Labour Party as his ideological home. But he claimed the party wasn't what it used to be and must recover its ideological base.

"World Jewry today is a very intellectual community and we must pick the brightest people amongst us to represent us," he said. Even though I might have my disagreements with Abba Eban, he is one of this choice few. If we look at

our (Labour Party) list in the Knesset, I think we can say that these are not the very best we could put there. The only compensation is that the situation in the Likud is not much better.

"The same holds true for our financial problems. We must pick the brightest persons in this field to lead us."

He ended by saying that in the days of Berl Katzenelson and Ben-Gurion there were disagreements between persons in the leadership, but none of them tried to trip up the other or to build themselves up from the mistakes of others.

UGANDA OUSTS SECOND UK ENVOY

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before the raid. A Kenyan newspaper said her burned body had been seen in a forest outside the Uganda capital of Kampala. Uganda says she was returned to Entebbe and that responsibility for her rests with Israel.

The letter which the M.P.s eventually pushed through the commission's letter-box said the British public was outraged by her apparent "savage murder."

Mrs. Bloch's niece, Mrs. Ruth Hammond, who lives in north London, also was outside the commission. With her were a handful of banner-carrying members of the committee protesting the affair with a peaceful vigil. The banners read "Amin, butcher of innocent old la-

dy" and "UN Kick Uganda butchers out."

In Nairobi, Kenyans were reported fleeing from neighbouring Uganda yesterday. The "Kenya Standard" said large numbers of Kenyans were crossing the border following Ugandan accusations of Kenyan complicity in the Entebbe operation.

One Indian businessman who flew to Nairobi from Uganda yesterday painted a grim picture of life in Kampala. He said the atmosphere in the Ugandan capital was unpleasant and nobody went out after dark.

Radio Uganda issued a warning earlier in the day against black-market dealing in petrol. It said that security forces had been ordered to shoot on the spot anyone found hoarding petrol or selling it

illegally. Petrol rationing was introduced in the country last week because of drastic shortages.

The official Kenya news agency said yesterday reports from the Uganda border indicated Uganda is holding up petrol supplies transiting to neighbouring countries.

The agency quoted travellers and drivers of commercial vehicles at the border as saying that petrol tankers bound for Zaire, Rwanda and Sudan were being held by Ugandan authorities at Jinja, 100 km. west of the Kenyan border.

The agency said it appeared Uganda may make use of the petrol consigned to the three countries for its own use to counter its own petrol shortage. (AP, Reuter, UPI)

ALLON'S NOTE TO MEXICO

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and Israel, namely international terrorism.

Israel envoy Chaim Herzog said: "We have always followed with understanding the very active campaign that Mexico is conducting against the terrorism which affects it. We are therefore all the more surprised that Mexico is unable to reveal a similar measure of understanding when action is taken designed to combat terror in cases where the victims are not Mexicans. It is utterly incredible and beyond the realm of comprehension that political expediency should dic-

tate to the government of Mexico and lead it to attack a small state defending itself against a common enemy of Mexico and Israel, namely international terrorism."

In Mexico City, Foreign Minister Alfonso Garcia Robles said on Tuesday that Mexican-Israel relations will remain good despite differences of opinion between the two countries. He said the policy of allowing for disagreements on international matters, especially the Middle East, was established when Foreign Minister Allon paid an official visit to Mexico last March.

Robles made his remarks during a

meeting between President-elect Jose Lopez Portillo and a delegation of 25 Mexican-Jewish community leaders.

The Jewish leaders assured the next President of the continued loyalty and cooperation of Mexico's Jewish community and presented him with the gift of the complete Encyclopedia Judaica Castellana, published in Spanish in Mexico. Lopez Portillo responded by praising the contributions of Mexico's Jews to the ideals and progress of the nation. He urged them to continue their activities for Mexico while not forgetting their specific identity as Jews.

Zadok calls for 'sober look' at death penalty

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Justice Minister Haim Zadok said yesterday that the Government's directives to the prosecution not to demand the death penalty for terrorism merited review under present conditions.

Replying to a motion for the agenda by Amnon Linn (Likud), Zadok said the Government should not take a decision under the influence of a spontaneous emotional reaction, but in a sober and masterful manner — despite the natural yearning for vengeance. The criterion must be whether the death penalty would cut down terrorism or not.

Zadok objected to Linn's proposal to sentence terrorists to death, but not execute them unless and until terrorists seized Israel as hostages. He said a society founded on law could not punish people for the crimes of others. Because this would mean lowering itself to the moral level of the terrorists.

The Minister said that expulsions — which are valid under the 1945 Emergency Regulations — are designed as a preventive measure and not a punishment.

In his motion, Linn asked the House to sanction a two-pronged

attack on "the Arab war of terror that has been declared on us." The Knesset should direct the Government to rescind its standing orders directing prosecutors in terrorism trials not to ask for the death penalty, he said. As a preventive measure, he continued, the Government should also order the Army to deport persons now being held in detention as known members of terrorist organizations.

According to Linn's plan, the number of such deportees would rise considerably following a terrorist act against Israelis, a hijacking or use of Israel as a base.

Linn told the House that "the philosophy of the terrorist organizations calling themselves 'Palestinians' and their doctrines are more dangerous than those of the Nazis in Germany. They (the Arab terrorists) are bent on genocide in the Jewish State."

Linn dismissed the argument that executing terrorists would turn them into saints or martyrs, and inspire other persons to become terrorists.

"Whoever says that just does not know anything about Arab social reality," he stated. "If we are to fear any 'saints or martyrs' among them, those are the live ones, who take their orders from live commanders."

'Battered wives' Knesset motion goes to committee

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset voted to Committee by 20 against nine a motion for the agenda submitted by Marsha Freedman (Independent Socialists) concerning "battered wives."

The vote cut entirely across party lines, with all women MKs voting in bloc for the motion, and all orthodox MKs voting against.

The two Cabinet Ministers present — Police Minister Shlomo Hillel (who replied to her motion) and Justice Minister Haim Zadok — voted against, as did individual MKs from the Likud and the Alignment, including two Committee chairmen.

Freedman quoted WIZO statistics to show that between 40 and 85 per cent of all their local bureau family files dealt with "battered wives" depending on the locality.

She complained that police only take action against the husbands if the beating leads to a fracture or an open wound. An institution is needed where battered wives can take refuge with their children between the time of their complaint, and the trial, Freedman said.

Police Minister Shlomo Hillel said

that no specific problem of wife-beating existed in Israel apart from the general problem of violence. He asked to be given details of specific complaints on which the police allegedly failed to act. He advised Freedman to table a private member's bill with concrete proposals.

Most of the Knesset reacted to Freedman's motion in the same incoherent manner as it reacted in the past to topics not traditionally discussed at the dinner table — like prostitution and homosexuality.

Her speech was punctuated by hoots, gasps and whistles which were as much indicative of embarrassment and incomprehension as of amusement.

The following were some examples:

Mordechai Ben-Porat (Alignment): "What about wives who beat their husbands?"

Ehud Olmert (Likud): "Why are all the women MKs not here to listen?"

Yitzhak Galon (ILP): "The problem has existed since the days of Adam and Eve."

Four of the five Labour MKs who have refused to fight the Histadrut



German Ambassador Per Fischer talks yesterday with youngsters at Jerusalem's Romema community centre during Welfare Ministry tour designed to acquaint 12 foreign envoys with the country's social problems and what is being done about them. Participating in the day-long tour, which the ministry says was the first of its kind, were the ambassadors of Ecuador, El Salvador, Austria, Australia, Uruguay, Burma, Guatemala, West Germany, Colombia and Romania, and diplomats from the U.S., South Africa, Japan and Canada. The ministry says they showed special interest in new methods developed here for dealing with alcoholism, services for women and aid to large families.

MK's want Histadrut OK on anti-sanctions bill

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Five members of the Knesset's Labour faction on Tuesday asked the Government to obtain Histadrut approval for a Government bill which would allow employers to withhold pay from workers who go on partial strike.

The bill is expected to come to its first reading in the House next week, and Mapam members of the Alignment have already indicated they will vote against it.

The Histadrut opposes state interference in labour relations, which, it believes, should be regulated by agreements between employer and employee. The Histadrut Executive will recommend that the next labour contract between the Government and the Civil Service Union stipulate that workers taking "sanctions" should have their salaries docked by some amount.

Four of the five Labour MKs who have refused to fight the Histadrut

on the issue have connections with Histadrut institutions. They are Dr. Shalom Levin, secretary of the Teachers' Union; Jacques Amir, a member of the Histadrut Executive; Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, former secretary general of the Histadrut; and Ora Namir, of the Working Women's Council. The fifth MK is Haim Shimon.

The Alignment, however, is not threatened by a split on the issue, and a compromise is possible by the time the bill comes for final reading.

The pay-docking idea was first proposed by Minister of Labour Moshe Baran several months ago, but was shelved due to strong Histadrut opposition. However, the Likud's Yehezkel Finman recently asked to introduce a motion for the agenda concerning in some identification with Baran's proposal. The Government then decided to go ahead with the original bill.

Taxman weak in East Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The means which can be employed in order to compel East Jerusalem businessmen to pay the same taxes as West Jerusalem businessmen are limited for various reasons, but progress in tax collection there has gradually been made, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz told the Knesset yesterday.

East Jerusalem businessmen are already paying five and a half times as much tax in real money terms as they paid in 1968. The progress in collecting stands out sharply, when East Jerusalem payments are compared to the West Bank, he said.

Rabinowitz was replying to a motion for the agenda by Avraham

Katz (Likud-Liberals) which was voted to the Finance Committee with his consent. He said there was no question of discrimination in favour of the East Jerusalem businessmen, and it was merely a matter of poor collection procedures.

Katz complained that Israel's equality stopped at the Jaffa Gate. He said that in the 74/75 tax year, East Jerusalem businessmen should have paid 48 per cent of all taxes from the city but in fact they paid only 3.27 per cent.

Katz said the Execution Office did not operate in East Jerusalem for political reasons, and the businessmen there were being educated to defy Israel law.

'Conversion ulpan' at Sa'ad

By AARON SITENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A "conversion ulpan" for persons interested in embracing the Jewish faith will open at Kibbutz Sa'ad in about a month, Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the Knesset yesterday.

Each course seven hours a day for six weeks — is expected to attract about 20 applicants for conversion. At the end of the course the students will be referred to regional Rabbis for completion of their formal conversion proceedings.

Rabin's announcement, in the form of a reply to a parliamentary question from Genua Cohen of the Likud, also stated that the Ministry of Religious Affairs will underwrite the costs of maintaining the northern Negev conversion centre.

Proposal to compensate mayors

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Wage-earners who are elected to be mayors or deputy mayors in municipal councils would have the right to receive severance pay, or be reinstated in their jobs after leaving their municipal posts. This is proposed in a private members

bill by Moshe Shahal (Alignment), which was voted to Committee yesterday.

Shahal said that at present good mayors are dissuaded from entering municipal service because they forfeit their jobs without compensation.

Another issue affecting Araba sensibilities is the future of the Hassan Bak Mosque in Jaffa. Though the old building is not in use now, Raphael said he was opposed to turning the site into a shopping centre. He said the Religious Affairs Ministry will cooperate with other organizations in renovating the mosque.

New tombstone for Napoleon's old soldiers

By YAAQOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE. — Posthumous honours were accorded on Tuesday to a French general, officers and other ranks who fell in action during General Napoleon Bonaparte's unsuccessful siege of this town 177 years ago.

The general was Louis Caparelli, commander of the engineers' unit in Napoleon's expeditionary force. Caparelli owes the posthumous tribute — a monument unveiled over his grave in a ceremony attended by French Ambassador Jean Herly — to local amateur historian Bernard Dichter, whose researches led to rediscovery of the Frenchmen's bones.

Dichter searched the site and found that the general and other soldiers of the French force indeed he buried there, though their graves were unmarked.

Dichter told The Post that the die-hard Caparelli had lost a leg in one of his campaigns in France, but, barely recovered, had insisted on remaining in the revolutionary army and serving in the force taken to Egypt by Napoleon. While the force battled hard to take Acre the rank and file worried about their prospect of ever getting back to France. Caparelli said no such worries assailed him. "I already have a leg back home in France," he quipped. In the siege he lost a hand and, finally, also his life.

Caparelli's remains were identified with certainty during excavation of the site north of the town, because one of the skeletons found there lacked a leg and a hand. The other remains found there are reliably thought to be those of other French besiegers.

Dichter informed the Municipality and the French Embassy of his dis-

covery, and the French Ambassador came to Acre to examine the finds. Both agreed to his suggestion to build the valiant soldiers a dignified grave, and to name one of the town's streets for General Caparelli.

On the eve of Bastille Day, Mayor Israel Doron and other councilmen, French Ambassador Herly, his military attaché Jacques Dœlitz, French Consul in Haifa M. Bonami, historian Dichter and others unveiled the grave which the French Government had reconstructed, and the marble plaque commemorating Napoleon's men in French, Hebrew and Arabic.

In another function the party went to a street near the Town Hall, outside the old-city walls, to unveil a sign naming it for Louis Caparelli. A street outside the old city was chosen because Napoleon was unable to penetrate Acre's walls. His chief engineer did manage to breach the wall at one spot. But the French were unable to get through because the city was well defended and the belea-

guered Turks were helped by British naval officer Sidney Smith and French royalist Major Louis Philippon, a classmate of Napoleon who was familiar with his siege technique and helped the defenders to thwart it.

In the end Napoleon regretfully withdrew. In his memoirs he noted that by so doing he allowed the British Empire and British control of India to survive.

The French officers and men wounded during the siege of Acre did not survive long. They had been left to be nursed at the Carmelite monastery of Stella Maria in Haifa. But after the withdrawal of the French force, the ruler of Acre, Jezzar Pasha, had them all killed, cut off their heads, and formed a pyramid of their skulls. A pyramid-shaped monument outside the convent commemorates the butchery.

Gov't: No decision yet on buying Lebanese produce

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — There is no decision yet on allowing Lebanese to sell agricultural produce in Israel, but there are contacts on the subject, Agriculture Ministry Director-General Reuven Eiland said yesterday.

Eiland, speaking at a press conference here did not disclose who the contacts are with, saying that if any agreement is reached it will be for limited quantities at first.

But The Jerusalem Post has learned from well-informed agricultural sources that an agreement has already been reached with Lebanese farmers concerning the sale of their tobacco harvest to Israel's Dubek cigarette company. This source also said there were no plans in the immediate future for the sale of any other Lebanese agriculture produce to Israel.

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Turning to the record drought in Europe and how it will affect Israel's agricultural exports, Eiland said the main increase in shipments to Europe will be in potatoes, carrots and onions. He added that Israel now exports about 30 per cent of its agricultural produce, and by 1980 will be exporting about 40 per cent.

(In 1975 the average Israeli far-

mer produced enough to feed 52 Israelis. Only about 6.5 per cent of Israel's population are farmers.)

Talking about imported frozen meat, Eiland said prices in Europe have already started rising. He feared that the drought-induced mass slaughter of livestock in Europe will raise the price of beef even more. But this would then send housewives here back to buying chicken. And Israel's poultry industry had been brought to the edge of collapse because of imports of frozen beef, he said.

Eiland claimed that at present every ton of beef imported costs the Israel Government \$550 to \$600 more than the equivalent amount of poultry meat. He also pointed out that in the past two years the country's poultry farmers had invested about IL\$50m. in infrastructure. "If this branch collapses it will be difficult to revive it when the price of beef starts soaring in Europe," he warned.

Eiland called on Israel to invest more in agriculture, so that it can ensure its food supply. As agriculture improves Israel will be able to export more, he said.

He predicted that within 15 years the food-exporting countries will have more power than the energy-exporting countries have today.

Knesset clash over frozen meat

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Poultry breeders' surplus stocks produced a clash of views in the Knesset Economic Committee on Tuesday between the Ministries of Agriculture and of Commerce.

An Agriculture official said the economy had to spend millions of pounds storing birds, because the public preferred cheap, good-quality

frozen meat, now being imported in large quantities.

But a Commerce official replied that poultry sales had increased 11 per cent in the past five months. He said the Commerce Ministry was also discouraging the public from buying beef by cutting sales several hundred tons per month, and by raising the price of beef by IL\$5 per kilo.

Flat-footed men to IDF

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Army recruits with flat feet, now barred from all fighting units, will be able to join the armoured corps and artillery under a new system of medical classification to be introduced by the IDF.

Reporting this, the IDF weekly "Bamahaneh" says that the new system is based on specific ailments and disabilities, instead of the general "profile" now used.

At present men with flat feet are given a profile of 76, while the minimum required for combat units is 82. Under the new system, which takes into account the specific nature of the man's complaints, they will be able to serve anywhere where the ability to march long distances is not required.

The new classification system will be introduced gradually. It involves

reevaluation of the physical requirements of the various military occupations and computerisation of the disqualification ailments by the Army's Manpower Division.

"Bamahaneh" says that the complexity of the operation has so far deterred the IDF from adopting the more detailed method of classification. But the growing demand for manpower led to the decision to go ahead with the reclassification which, it is hoped, will lead to a more rational utilisation of manpower resources.

RAFAH'S NEW 2,000 cubic metre water reservoir, high on a hill overlooking the Gaza Strip town, was dedicated yesterday in a ceremony by Interior Ministry and military government officials, including Tat-

Aluf David Malmon, the military governor.

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Tiberias hospital 'critical'

By DAVID SLAV
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — The Poriya Government Hospital is faced with a crisis that may, local medical sources fear, cost it its life.

The trouble stems from a recent Kupat Holim sick fund decision to send its members who are residents of the area, to the fund's own hospital in Afeka, rather than to Poriya, since the Health Ministry has raised hospitalisation fees.

Poriya has, consequently, lost many patients, resulting in reduced income, demoralisation among the staff who see no future there, and shortage of materials and equipment. The district council has severely criticized the situation as negating government population policies for the Galilee.

At emergency meetings this week the district council decided to call on the health minister to grant a IL\$5m. annual subsidy for Kupat Holim patients. The staff committee decided to press for improvements or else demand the closure of the hospital or its transfer to Kupat Holim.

S.A. believes extradition of suspect likely

DURBAN. — South Africa has asked Israel to extradite financier Eldred Maurice Savell to face trial here for alleged fraud, police said on Tuesday.

Savell is accused of a 10m. rand (about IL\$90m.) fraud in connection with the collapse in 1972 of the Sideral Finance Company, of which he was chairman.

He went to Israel in the same year. A previous application for his extradition ran into technical snags.

Police spokesman here said: "The snags have now been sorted out and it is merely a matter of time before he is extradited." The trial is due to open on September 1.

(Reuters)

Gonen not to be prosecuted

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Justice Minister Haim Zadok told the Knesset yesterday that Aluf (Res.) Shmuel Gonen's criticism of the Agranat Committee on personal grounds did not warrant prosecution.

The minister was responding to a question by Yedidia Be'eri (Likud-Liberals) on what steps the Attorney-General was taking against Gonen. The latter had given several interviews about a month ago, in which he accused committee members of favouritism and prejudice, among others.

Zadok replied that the Attorney-General had studied Gonen's remarks and decided that the case did not merit prosecution. He said

that earlier, while the Agranat committee was still in session and various controversial statements were published in the press, the Attorney-General had also decided against prosecuting.

While fair and substantive comment was both permissible and desirable, Zadok said, contumacious and insulting remarks against inquiry committee members in connection with the discharge of their committee duties was an offence.

However, when pressed by Be'eri in a supplementary question to say whether Gonen committed an offence or not, Zadok skirted the question. He added that the Attorney-General's decision not to prosecute was not a precedent.

Contractors found evading VAT

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Treasury investigators have pounced on the country's first VAT-evaders — all of them building contractors.

According to the new VAT law, which went into effect on July 1, all payments on apartments made after that date are subject to the tax. The contractors — most of them from the centre of the country — tried to evade the tax by cashing post-dated cheques. Al-

though most of the cheques bounced, the contractors entered the payments in their books.

In other cases, contractors left empty spaces in their books for payments made after the July 1 deadline which they intended registering together with their June receipts.

The Treasury is presently collecting the information and is expected to sue some of the would-be evaders. All of them will have to pay the VAT.

More retro-taxes likely

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Citizens can expect retroactive tax legislation in the future, when even the Government believes it has no alternative.

This emerged from the Coalition defeat of a private member's bill in the Knesset yesterday, calling for the prohibition of all retroactive tax legislation.

Justice Minister Haim Zadok noted

that when such retroactive legislation was passed in the U.S., it was found to be constitutional. He said there was nothing wrong with increasing taxes retroactively during a current tax year.

Yehezkel Finman (Likud-Liberals) said that the frequent use of retroactive taxation imposed recently had thrown the business world into disarray and increased economic instability.

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The Soviet Union's Olga Korbut grimaces as she falls off the high beam after missing a backflip during an exhibition in Montreal on Tuesday night. (AP radiophoto)

Soviets: Taiwan row 'exaggerated'

By GEORGE LEONOF

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

THE SOVIET Union, whose reactions to the political controversies at the Montreal Olympics are being carefully watched, yesterday said the dispute over Taiwan's participation has been "artificially exaggerated."

Moscow is the venue of the 1980 summer games, and its position in the current row could give a hint of its own attitudes four years hence. But the Communist party newspaper "Pravda," which commented on the Taiwan rift yesterday, did not give its forthright approval to Canada's decision, as France has done. It simply said the issue at stake is whether Taiwan could compete under the Republic of China — which, the Soviets indicated, Taiwan was not.

Like the Canadian Government, which only sprang its decision six weeks ago when it was too late to prepare a new Olympic site, the Soviet Government is not likely to reveal its position far in advance. "Pravda," in a strictly formal sense, does not speak for the Government unless openly authorized to do so. It may be significant that, although the Soviets refused to compete in the world chess-championship in Israel, they did not stop Israel from participating in the World University Games in 1973.

Queen Elizabeth's last visit to Canada, in 1964, sparked some ugly incidents by French separatists in Quebec province. Since then the Quebec fervor has died down, but mainly French-speaking Montreal is not likely to give the British monarch anything like a royal welcome — at least not on the popular level — when she opens the Games on Saturday.

The Queen's 12-day visit began peacefully enough on Tuesday in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where she arrived following a bicentennial bow to the Americans on their independence anniversary. Elizabeth will be in Canada when her daughter, Princess Anne, competes in the equestrian events.

She is still Canada's reigning monarch, but a recent opinion poll indicated that 65 per cent of French-speaking Canadians in Quebec province, where they form over 80 per cent of the population, are opposed to her visit. The opponents

include Victor Goldbloom, Quebec's Minister for Municipal Affairs, who was in charge of organizing the games.

No violent demonstrations are expected in Montreal, which seems to have had its fill of Olympian controversy beginning with runaway construction costs and labour troubles and continuing with the sit over Taiwan — with the Africans still to have their say on New Zealand's participation. They want New Zealand out because her All-Blacks rugby squad is touring South Africa.

Most of the mechanism that is making this grand sporting event tick is not making the headlines, however. One example is the legion of cooks that for two weeks must cater to the tastes of more than 10,000 athletes from all corners of the world.

The cuisine, says head chef Jean-Francois Secher, must be beyond reproach, for "when an athlete loses he always shifts the blame on the food... either he has eaten too much or not enough, or he has eaten something bad, and so on." In fact, at the Mexico Olympics in 1968 there was an epidemic of diarrhoea, and Canadian cooks are using water from the mountain springs to prepare vegetables lest the heavily chlorinated water in Montreal upset overseas competitors not accustomed to it.

Another sanitary measure is the exclusive use of disposable cardboard plates to avoid spread of bacteria from leftovers. A team of microbiologists will make daily tests of the dishes prepared. All who use the self-service cafeteria in the Olympic Village must first wash their hands at one of the many basins around the rooms, then dip them into a disinfectant bath.

A sample meal prepared for the villagers for lunch yesterday: two soups, five entrées, five main courses, seven vegetables and six desserts.

But many delegations are not putting themselves entirely in the hands of Secher's 150 cooks. Reuter reports that the Italians have flown in their own hams and the French brought along their own cooks as well as an ample supply of cheese and wine. And this in Montreal, which prides itself on its French cooking.

Fears of typhoid epidemic loom in war-torn Beirut

BEIRUT. — Several cases of typhoid have been reported here, raising fears of an epidemic in this war-ravaged city.

The disease could spread quickly and could only be controlled with difficulty, a health specialist warned yesterday.

"I expect August to be a black month," said Professor Atim Acri, head of the Department of Environmental Health at Beirut's American University hospital.

His warning confirmed the worst fears of those who continue to live here amid the hazards and deprivations of war.

Several hundred typhoid cases are reported annually in Lebanon, but this year is different. The health administration of the whole country has collapsed because of the war and specialists fear that the few typhoid cases so far known could soon flare into a serious epidemic.

Dr. Acri, a specialist held in wide regard throughout the Arab world, outlined the reasoning behind his dire prognosis.

One factor, he stressed, was the critical water problem. The supply available in Beirut at the moment, he pointed out, provides only a daily average of between five and 10 litres per person. To this one could add perhaps another five litres coming from private wells.

In England, on the other hand, domestic water consumption averages 500 litres per person per day, Dr. Acri said. "Even the weather is against us," he lamented. "In August, people need more water for drinking and washing than now. And the greater heat has accelerated the breeding-rate of disease-carrying flies."

The proliferation of rats and roaches was an additional risk to public health, Acri stated.

He saw an urgent need for international action. "It is time the country was declared a disaster area," International agencies, he said, should waste no time in coming to Beirut's relief. He called on the World Health Organization to start doing something "regardless of the political situation." (Reuters)

Nazi found dead in French village

By JACK MAURICE

JERUSALEM Post Correspondent
PARIS. — Nazi colonel Joachim Peiper, who was found dead in the ruins of his Traves, eastern France home yesterday after a gun battle. Peiper had been convicted of killing 71 American prisoners of war and was also alleged to have massacred 34 Italian civilians during World War Two.

Police, who suspect the fire was set deliberately, said residents at this quiet village heard an exchange of gunfire shortly before midnight. They hurried to Peiper's home and found it in flames.

A rifle and cartridge cases were found in the ruins of the house.

The Nazi was a former member of S.S. chief Heinrich Him-

mler's personal staff. He moved to the quiet French village with his wife six years ago after serving 10 years of life sentence for ordering the execution of U.S. prisoners taken during the German counter-offensive in the Ardennes in the winter of 1944.

Peiper, who was 61, had been the target of death threats from Resistance veterans since his presence in France was disclosed by the communist daily "L'Humanite" a month ago.

His wife and son left Traves last week in response to the anonymous threats to kill him. He was advised by the village mayor to leave with them, but said, "I know that France is an orderly country. I will stay here. I rely on the French police."

Mars landing now set for July 20

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. — America's Viking I spacecraft, seeking other forms of life in the Universe, will land on Mars beside a dried-up lake called the "Land of Gold."

The jet propulsion laboratory here said the landing at 12:12 GMT on July 20 would take place in a depression in the northern hemisphere of the mysterious planet, where rivers of molting ice apparently met in ages past to form a lake.

The landing site on the western slope of the lake-bed called "Chryse" — Greek for "Land of Gold" — is 740 km. northwest of the original July 4 landing site which was to have coincided with the U.S. Bicentennial celebrations. By coincidence, the new landing date is seven years to the day since Neil Armstrong became the first man to land on the moon.

Harold Masursky, space scientist in charge of finding the landing site, said it was hoped the site would be full of river sediment where organic life might be found. Viking I will claw up Mars soil and test it for signs of life. The spacecraft is already overdue because its first two landing sites proved too rough.

Viking project manager James Martin said the new site looked

like the smooth lava beds or "mare" on the surface of the moon where the U.S. landed five unmanned spacecraft without incident.

For the past 10 days the spacecraft has been creeping slowly westward with each orbit, taking pictures and atmospheric readings and trying to pick a smooth site.

On Monday, Viking will begin checking out its landing equipment. The Viking landing-craft will separate from the main spacecraft early on Tuesday to begin its three-hour descent by rocket and parachute to the surface of the red planet.

Meanwhile, the two Soviet cosmonauts aboard the orbiting Salyut 5 space station yesterday performed medical tests on each other to study the effects of weightlessness.

The Tass news agency said Col. Boris Volynov and Lt.-Col. Vitaly Zholobov left Salyut 5 as they began their eighth day in space.

Tass said they studied the functioning of the heart and circulatory systems, took blood samples and measured breathing.

Comparing the data obtained with the results of ground research carried out earlier, the cosmonauts can themselves evaluate and forecast their state of health, Tass said. (Reuters, UPI)

Andreotti sets out to woo the Socialists

ROME. — Premier-designate Giulio Andreotti waited yesterday for the Italian Socialist Party to solve its leadership problem before starting talks about forming what may become Italy's first communist-supported government since 1947.

President Giovanni Leone asked the 57-year-old Andreotti, twice Christian Democratic premier in the past, to try to form Italy's government after the elections last month, in which the Communists increased their strength.

The Christian Democrats remained Italy's largest party, but the communists gained 7 per cent in the balloting, winning 328 seats in the Chamber of Deputies to the ruling party's 262. The Socialists, with 57 seats, emerged as the key potential partner in any coalition despite their comparatively poor showing at the polls.

Premier Aldo Moro's caretaker Christian Democratic cabinet resigned five days ago. Moro paved the way for the designation of Andreotti by refusing to try to form

a new government.

The central committee of the Socialist Party met yesterday in a hotel here to choose a new leader after the resignation of 69-year-old Francesco De Martino.

Informed sources said the Socialists might re-elect De Martino despite the party's poor showing in the election, but the name of Benedetto Craxi, 42-year-old deputy-secretary, was also being mentioned.

Andreotti is thought to be likely to try to enlist the support of at least two of Italy's smaller parties, the Republicans and the Social Democrats, for a Christian Democrat-dominated administration.

But political sources said his main problem remained that of gaining the trust of the Socialists, without whom he will be able to form only a minority government.

The Communist Party said yesterday it believed that only a broad-based government which had the support of "broad popular consent" would be able to run the country successfully. (Reuters)

'Aegean not yet plucked clean'

ATHENS. — Underwater explorer Jacques Cousteau yesterday showed reporters Greek antiquities from a first-century B.C.E. ship sunk while apparently taking the treasures to Rome.

The items, which included a life-size marble hand, were among 126 objects recovered from a three-month scouring of the much-plundered Aegean seabed. The venture also revealed the wreck of the gigantic British passenger ship Britannic, sunk during the First World War.

In a news conference here Cousteau said that while the Greek seas are still "a paradise of ancient treasures and history," much has already been either destroyed by time or looted by pirate divers.

Most of the items recovered by Cousteau's research ship "Calypso" were found around the island of Antikithira and off Crete. The most valuable were three gold bars, a gold ring, and a finely engraved jewel-studded necklace. Other items were dozens of clay vases and containers of various sizes, columns of clay-embedded coins, and tear-collectors, which in ancient times were filled by relatives and buried with their loved ones. The only remnants of the wrecked ship were

some pieces of wood, lead, and large nails.

Around the now uninhabited island of Dias off Iraklion in Crete, Cousteau said they discovered "an entire sunken harbour with incredible remains." He said it included a first-century C.E. shipwreck, a Minoan one and another of Byzantine times, and one of the 17th century believed to be either Venetian or Turkish. This last vessel contained 10 bronze plates, two bronze canons, several marble and ceramic pieces, and the personal belongings of the crew.

Off Crete's northern tip, the explorers discovered a 1688 shipwreck, believed to be French and sunk during a naval battle with about 260 persons aboard. Cousteau said skulls and other human remains were found embedded in the mud.

Finally, off the small island of Kas, the research team came across the shipwreck of the Britannic, a 280-metre vessel that sank during the First World War with 950 crew and 2,500 passengers aboard. Cousteau has been investigating the wreck for several months, under a \$1.6m. agreement with the Greek government. (AP)

IN BRIEF

Top Chinese general dies

PEKING. — Pi Ting-chin, the commander of the Communist forces massed on the Chinese mainland opposite the Nationalist-held island of Taiwan, has died while on duty, it was announced yesterday.

The official New China News Agency said that Pi, one of China's top generals and a member of the Communist Party's Central Committee, "died a martyr at his post," on July 7, aged 62. This wording is used when people are killed in accidents or die while at work and does not indicate he was killed in action, Sinologists said.

Pi's death was announced eight days after that of Marshal Chu Teh, long-time commander of the People's Liberation Army and one of its founders. (Reuters, UPI)

Elegant Rina on a cloud

HONG KONG. — To most of the world, Miss Universe 1976 is known simply as Rina Messenger of Israel.

But to the Chinese press here, in their translation of her name into Chinese characters, the beauty queen's name is more colourful: "Elegant cloud, beautiful, distinguished, and excellent," "elegant weed, beautiful, distinguished and excellent," and "elegant lotus, agate, distinguished and excellent."

Just to complicate matters further, Rina changed her Hebrew surname to Mor a short time ago. (AP)

New tremor in Italy

UDINE, Italy. — A tremor, the 164th since the one that killed nearly 1,000 persons on May 6, was felt early yesterday in Italy's Friuli region.

The tremor reached the 4.2-degree mark of the 10-degree Richter scale, authorities reported. Buildings were damaged, but no one was injured.

In Indonesia, yesterday earth tremors toppled lamp posts and caused power cuts in Bali and were also felt strongly in east Java. There were no immediate casualty or damage reports.

Several earthquakes have struck Indonesia during the past few weeks, including one in Brian Jaya (East New Guinea) which killed more than 9,000 people. (AP)

Guerrillas kill Rhodesian girl

SALISBURY, Rhodesia. — An eight-year-old white girl was killed and five persons were wounded when three cars were ambushed by African nationalist guerrillas in south-eastern Rhodesia on Tuesday night, security force headquarters announced here yesterday.

The guerrillas attacked cars travelling on roads in three incidents during Rhodes and Founders holiday weekend, which commemorates the first settling by whites in this territory. (AP)

COLLISION. — Two commuter trains collided near the New Canaan, Connecticut railroad station here on Tuesday evening, killing two women and injuring 29 other passengers.

America integrates refugees in desert

CHULA VISTA, California. — In a cluster of squat dormitories on a hot and dusty Chula Vista desert plateau, homeless from 10 nations are taking a crash course on survival in America.

The Agapi Foundation's refugee centre at Brown Field — a small, private airport that last year housed Vietnamese refugees — is a temporary home for people who have become stateless through fleeing political systems they found oppressive.

Here there are Vietnamese, Laotians and Cambodians. There are Kurds from northeastern Iraq whose 15-year war of independence crumbled when, they say, Iran seized its aid. There are Chileans fleeing what they describe as a reign of political terror and government torture. And there are



A British family arrives in Nairobi yesterday after leaving Uganda as relations between President Idi Amin and British worsen. This family refused to answer questions, saying "There are still several of our friends in Uganda." (UPI telephoto)

Except communists, anarchists

Spain legalizes all political parties

MADRID. — Spain's new government yesterday squeezed through the Cortes (parliament) a bill revising the penal code, clearing the last obstacle to the legal operation of all political parties apart from communists, anarchists and separatists.

It was the first parliamentary test for the week-old government of Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez Gonzalez, who has promised to speed up political reforms.

A law lifting a 37-year-old ban on most parties was passed last month. But its implementation was delayed when the Cortes rejected dignity and liberty and oppose a earlier draft of the new penal multi-party system. (Reuters)

UK unveils emergency anti-drought bill

LONDON. — Britain yesterday announced emergency laws to counter the worst drought in 250 years and to water rationing was ordered for nearly a half million residents in South Wales.

In London, local government minister John Silkin unveiled emergency measures to be rushed through Parliament to deal with the water scarcity, the worst since the early 18th century, according to old records.

The drought bill empowers water authorities to impose rationing and lays down fines of £400 and up for breaches of the law.

The bill would also allow water authorities to cut off supplies, prohibit filling of swimming pools, sprinkling of golf and sports grounds, and washing of buildings.

Silkin said water authorities would have to serve seven days notice before cutting supplies which they could do if they judged the scarcity likely to "impair the economic or social well-being of a community."

The measures were disclosed as the Welsh national water development authority announced rationing for 420,000 South Wales residents

next week. Starting on Monday water supplies will be cut off for up to 13 hours a day, from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m.

If there was no improvement in rainfall by October, officials said it might be necessary to restrict water supplies to local industry.

Rain in parts of Europe eased the situation, but came too late and in too little quantity to save drought-ravaged crops.

France declared the Charente Maritime department on the south-west Atlantic coast a disaster zone, the 20th of the 90 departments so dubbed.

Cloudbursts over Normandy spread to Paris and drenched thousands watching the traditional Bastille Day military parade down the Champs Elysees.

But with the drought unabated in most of France, the government banned traditional Bastille fireworks displays to guard against forest fires.

Heavy rain and thunderstorms hit Florence and Naples, causing minor flooding. An exhibition of valuable antique furniture was under 30 cm of water in Florence. (UPI)

'Fair trial' for Sudan rebels

KHARTOUM. — At least 50 persons involved in the recent abortive coup against President Jaafar Numeiry will go on trial soon, according to an interview with the Sudanese chief of staff in a Khartoum newspaper yesterday.

"Al Ayam" quoted Gen. Basir Mohammed Ali as saying: "A fair trial will be provided for the 50 prisoners who fell into the hands of security forces following the failure of the coup attempt on July 2. Others are at large."

Sudan has accused Libya of mass-terminating the coup and training "mercenaries" to carry it out.

Basir said in the interview the "invasion forces numbered some 850 mercenaries, 700 of whom were wiped out by the armed forces while defending our soil."

He said the captured rebels, who admitted Libya was behind the coup attempt, will be given a public, nationally-broadcast trial in Khartoum. (UPI)

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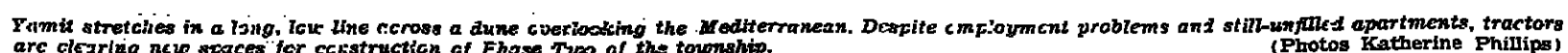
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ISRAEL LANDS ADMINISTRATION
Notice to the Public

The Israel Lands Administration, as the body charged with managing land and property of the State, the Development Authority and Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, has been recognized as an "approved trader" for the purposes of value added tax, from July 1, 1976. Lessees and buyers entering real estate transactions with the Authority will be charged value added tax at 8% (payable on development expenses, the various types of leasing fees, agreement fees, etc.).

CONDENSED FINANCIAL
STATEMENT OF**ZION**
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INSURANCE COMPANY LTD.BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975
(In Israel Pounds)

31.12.1974			31.12.1974		
CAPITAL, RESERVES AND SURPLUS			INVESTMENTS		
8,000,000	Share Capital	16,000,000		Government and Government Guaranteed Bonds	
8,000,000	Capital Reserve for allotment of Bonus Shares	8,000,000	185,626,872	(including accrued interest)	232,979,854
6,250,000	Capital and Special Reserves	5,000,000	6,952,254	Other securities	8,361,931
3,876,009	General Reserve and Surplus	5,714,415	67,639,022*	Loans and Deposits with Banks	90,187,327
26,126,009		34,714,415	2,954,181	Real Estate—Leasehold Property	2,952,968
			263,172,329		394,482,080
	PROVISION FOR PREMIUM FOR COLLECTION		13,077,035	FIXED ASSETS — Office Premises	13,377,833
2,118,838	EXCEEDING ADMITTED RATE	2,223,058		— Office Equipment and Motor Cars	
11,117,025	FUND FOR SPECIAL RISKS	14,143,922	2	(at nominal value)	2
178,796,911	LIFE ASSURANCE FUND	274,738,061		PREMIUM FOR COLLECTION (including IL4,446,116	
	PROVISION FOR UNEXPIRED RISKS —		37,349,314	Premium for Collection exceeding admitted rate)	53,788,183
27,752,069	GENERAL INSURANCE	41,164,660		ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND CASH (INSURANCE	
74,868,779	OUTSTANDING CLAIMS	94,378,220		COMPANIES, CURRENT ACCOUNT AND DEPOSITS,	
	OTHER LIABILITIES (INSURANCE COMPANIES —			SUNDRY DEBTORS AND DEBIT BALANCES	
	CURRENT ACCOUNT AND DEPOSITS RETAINED,		44,957,894	AND CASH)	46,672,631
37,776,943*	CREDITORS AND CREDIT BALANCES, AND OTHERS)	46,958,393	358,556,574		508,320,729
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CONDENSED REVENUE ACCOUNT —			CONDENSED REVENUE ACCOUNT —		
LIFE ASSURANCE FOR THE YEAR 1975			GENERAL INSURANCE FOR THE YEAR 1975		
31.12.1974			31.12.1974		
47,342,333	Premiums	67,291,097	127,660,269	Premiums and Registration Fees	183,995,445
4,227,100	Less: Reinsurance	7,594,623	45,686,270	Less: Reinsurance	62,783,437
43,115,233		59,696,474	81,973,999		121,212,008
	Income from Investments and increase in the		5,760,817	Less: Increase in the Provision for	
56,890,461	revaluation of linked investments	87,343,955	76,213,182	Unexpired Risks	13,199,675
100,005,694		147,040,429	6,536,664		108,012,333
67,391,222	Less: Increase in the Assurance Fund	95,918,140	82,749,846	Statutory Interest	
32,614,472		51,122,289	91,711,465	(last year — including investment profit)	6,641,225
			38,153,699		114,653,558
16,503,809	Claims — Paid and Outstanding	27,652,639	53,557,766	Claims — Paid and Outstanding	121,207,028
1,690,051	Less: Reinsurance	2,932,716	667,683		45,331,881
14,813,758		24,719,923	27,446,489	Transfer to Fund for Special Risks	75,875,147
3,153,645	Transfer to Fund for Special Risks	2,197,789	81,671,938	Management Expenses and Commission (Net)	829,108
11,585,869	Management Expenses and Commission (Net)	16,826,845	1,077,908		40,610,808
29,553,272		43,744,557			117,315,063
3,061,200	Revenue Profit	7,377,732			(2,661,505)
	* Reclassified				

CONDENSED PROFIT & LOSS AND APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR 1975

(In Israel Pounds)

31.12.1974		
4,139,108	Revenue Profit from Insurance Accounts	4,716,227
10,540,262	Income from Investments not included in Insurance Accounts	14,851,475
	Management Expenses and Accounts written off	
(3,118,590)	fixed assets, not included in Insurance Accounts	(5,214,373)
11,560,780	(including service tax on Salaries and Commission)	14,353,329
2,474,957		1,860,703
9,085,823	Provision for Income Tax and Service Tax	12,492,626
	Transfer to Provision for Premium for Collection	
9,085,823	exceeding the admitted rate	104,220
		12,388,406
710,186	Net Profit for the year after provision for tax and transfer	
80,000	to Provision for Premium for collection exceeding the	
9,876,009	admitted rate	1,126,009
6,650,000	Net Profit at beginning of the year	
2,100,000	Excess in tax provision written back	13,514,415
8,750,000		
1,126,009	Transfer to Reserves	9,200,000
	Final Dividend Proposed, Net	2,600,000
		11,800,000
	Balance of Unappropriated Profit	1,714,415

Notes:

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BOTH SUPPORTERS and critics of Secretary Kissinger's Middle East policy and his step-by-step approach agree that lack of further momentum is likely to lead to renewed hostilities, including the possibility of a global confrontation. If matters have not deteriorated so far, it is largely due to the Lebanese crisis that has entangled some of the major participants for the past few months.

Most informed observers think that the chances of making any meaningful progress on the status of the Palestinians or the return of territory are very remote indeed. Israel cannot realistically be expected to make any major concessions on either of these issues until it is convinced that by so doing it is genuinely advancing the cause of peace and security and not lending active support to potential aggressors. So far such conviction is clearly lacking (a view shared even by the most conciliatory Israelis) and no indication of how this deadlock can be resolved is in sight.

While no permanent solution is possible unless the territorial and Palestinian questions are resolved, the process of moving towards peace could be approached from a different angle — one that may, in time, reduce mutual suspicions to a level which permits meaningful progress on the main issues.

What we are suggesting is a Middle East arms reduction plan the initiative for which should come from Israel. The plan calls for Israel to do five things:

1. **ANNOUNCE ITS WILLINGNESS** to immediately enter into direct negotiations to conclude a binding treaty with the Arab states designed to lead to a prompt freeze in the arms race, and to a mutual and balanced reduction of military forces. The treaty would cover a period of several years and would include several stages of implementation commencing with, for example, a freeze in military expenditure, and ending with a substantial mutual reduction in armed forces.

The stage by stage implementation could be coupled with progress on other issues. Thus, the first stage in the arms reduction programme might be combined with a commitment to refrain from establishing any further settlements in the occupied territories, and to trade such a commitment at the pre-agreed stage for a cessation of the Arab economic boycott against Israel. As the purely military situation gets defused, progressive stages could in-

Arms control in the Middle East

To avoid the dangers inherent in an Arab-Israeli stalemate, ZEEV HIRSCH and DAVID M. SASSOON propose that Israel initiate an arms control accord.



(Rubinger)

clude even more far-reaching trade-off measures.

In any event, the plan should envisage the conclusion of a binding peace treaty which, while satisfying Israel's demands for recognition by the Arabs and containing suitable arrangements safeguarding her security, will be responsive to the legitimate political aspirations of the Palestinians, and provide for Israel's withdrawal to borders which the Arabs would find acceptable.

2. **ANNOUNCE THAT, even failing any progress on the negotiation or conclusion of such an arms limitation treaty, Israel would, beginning in 1977 or thereafter, unilaterally cut defence spending by approximately one third over a period of three to four years.**

3. **PUBLICLY STATE** to the Arab world and to all of its potential arms suppliers what Israel con-

siders the acceptable ratio of forces and equipment (planes, tanks, missiles, etc.) required to maintain the existing and projected balance of power between itself and the Arab world.

4. **ANNOUNCE TO THE ARAB STATES** and to their arms suppliers that if they are unwilling to match Israel's move either by entering into arms limitation negotiations or by maintaining the aforesaid balance of power ratio in forces and equipment, Israel is determined to defend itself by other means, including the development of atomic weapons.

5. **DECLARE THAT** if the Arab states are prepared to enter into an arms limitation treaty, Israel for its part will agree to have the treaty cover both conventional and non-conventional arms. The treaty would have to include

adequate safeguards and inspection machinery which would have to be applicable on the Arab side, to all potential belligerents.

Middle East defence expenditures are already the highest in the world, and account for over 30 per cent of the GNP of Israel, over 20 per cent in Egypt, and about 16 per cent in Syria and Jordan — as against less than 6 per cent for the U.S., some 10.5 per cent for the USSR, and an average of 3 per cent for NATO as a whole.

If the present trend continues, the Middle East will inevitably become a nuclear arena before the end of this century. The prospect in itself should induce all of the responsible world powers to lend active support to the type of initiative outlined above.

For both Israel and the Arabs, the implementation of such a plan would have several sobering and stabilising effects which would contribute to a relaxation of tension in the area. Israel's willingness to forfeit her nuclear option should be of immediate interest to her adversaries, and it is believed a significant trade-off for their willingness to consider the plan favourably, particularly if (as suggested) it became a link on the road to an acceptable territorial and Palestinian solution.

ISRAEL HAS SERIOUS misgivings about the step-by-step approach because it requires her to give up tangible assets — territory and economic resources — in exchange for verbal promises. Under the plan outlined, on the other hand, both sides would be trading in the same kind of intangible yet very real assets — territory and economic resources — in exchange for verbal promises. Under the plan outlined, on the other hand, both sides would be trading in the same kind of intangible yet very real assets — territory and economic resources — in exchange for verbal promises.

Outside powers will inevitably have to be drawn into the negotiations, primarily as mediators and eventually as guarantors. Their role will not be an easy one given their traditional conflicting interests and rivalries and the fact that they will have to give up very real economic and political leverage which they now enjoy in their role as arms suppliers.

As an assessment of the prizes if the effort is successful, and of the awful prospects if it is not, clearly suggests that it is a goal well worth pursuing.

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UNIVERSITY professors poking around in dusty museums occasionally find a chance to demonstrate sleuthing skills which rival the best efforts of Sherlock Holmes. Such is the case with Prof. Norman Golb of the University of Chicago. Golb had recently completed a book on the 13th century Jewish community in Rouen, Normandy (now France), and was relaxing on a busman's holiday in the Joods Historisch Museum in Amsterdam. He was admiring an old, beautifully illuminated Hebrew manuscript, secured in a glass case, which the museum called "The Great Mahasef" and identified as German in origin. Something compelled Golb to look more closely: the calligrapher's handwriting — he recognised it from somewhere.

Further scrutiny convinced him the scribe was the same 13th century one who wrote some of the manuscripts he had been reading in connection with his book, and that man worked in Rouen — not in Germany! Golb persuaded the museum curator to allow him direct access to the book, over 365 folios, some encrusted with gold leaf so thick that it looked like sculpture, with ornate illustrations in brilliant reds and blues. The work, not only was definitely that of his Norman scribe, but was also one of the most magnificent and unique treasures of Jewish manuscript art in existence. In recent years Golb has uncovered substantial information indicating that Rouen was a major seat of high Jewish culture during the Middle Ages. His book on the subject (in Hebrew) was recently published in Israel. The illustration above is a page from the Great Mahasef manuscript in the Joods Historisch Museum, Amsterdam. At right, from the same source, depicts an old Jew holding a manuscript.

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King Kong's costly come-back

By CHARLES FOLEY

HOLLYWOOD—DINO DE LAURENTIIS waved what he hopes will be a temporary farewell to \$20 million last week as shooting drew to a close on his remake, in contemporary settings, of the 42-year-old camp classic *King Kong*.

Rarely has a disaster movie earned its name so well. One costly mishap after another has dogged the production, which stars a six and a half ton, 12 metre tall mechanical ape that cost \$1m. to create.

The Italian producer — who left his Rome base for Hollywood three years ago — originally budgeted only \$10m. for the film. But before shooting could start, two other studios announced plans to make the same picture. One, Universal, sued him for \$20m., claiming they owned the rights. Dino counter-sued for \$80m. Four months of legal infighting settled the dispute in De Laurentiis' favour.

Then Dino's son and executive producer Federico, 24, raised a howl of "racism" by advertising for a crowd of large black men who, on being auditioned, said they were told to jump and hop like monkeys. One was rejected because his arms were too short — another's nose was not broad enough.

Soon the budget had risen to \$15m. and the big ape was scarcely off the drawing board. All director John

Guillemain had to work with was a pair of malfunctioning 120,000 kilo arms — both, technicians swear, right arms. Bids for a shaggy Kong coat ranged up to \$300,000 but Dino, in a moment of rare economy, settled for a modest horsehair pelt.

"The finished Kong was wonderful, though," said young Federico. "It's electronically controlled through a hydraulic valve system. It can take five metre strides, make 16 different hand movements and roll its eyes, too."

The shooting schedule expanded to nine months. A swarm of Italian workers was imported, to the scandal of Hollywood experts. Men and equipment were transported to a Pacific Island where Kong first meets a band of explorers and falls for the blonde in their company. A fleet of helicopters had to be recruited to lift the company to isolated beaches. Boats overturned in the heavy surf. ("Great sequence," said Dino. "Shoot some more.")

FILMING wound up on Paramount's back lot, where a 100 metre long, 18 metre high wall was built for the single scene in which King Kong crashes through the jungle to snatch the blonde (played by model Jessica Lange, who has

never acted before). Miss Lange is rescued, Kong captured and taken, lashed to a Norwegian supertanker (rental \$300,000) for display in America. He escapes, grabs back Lange, and meets his end, roaring defiance, on top of New York's tallest building, the World Trade Centre.

Kong's last stand on the Centre's twin towers under attack from rocket-firing jets (with Lange in one hand, of course) caused a near-riot earlier this month. De Laurentiis advertised for unpaid extras to swarm about the fallen body. He expected 5,000, but got 20,000, with riot police to follow. Swatches of ape-pelt were torn off the Kong-corps before security men could intervene.

De Laurentiis affects not to care about the bills still tumbling in: "I have \$25m. already in advance bookings," he says. "Now we'll preview the film and reshoot anything audiences don't like. The public is my boss. I cut, chop, change and fix to please it. I've made a lot of his out of what looked like flops in my time."

In America, De Laurentiis has had a string of commercial successes on modest budgets. Now he has returned to the sort of epic (*The Bible*, *Waterloo*) that almost ruined him in Italy. But Dino admits to no qualms about Kong. "I'm planning a sequel," he says. (Otns,



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Spain's Ultra-Right: Back in action

By JOE GANDELMAN
Special to The Jerusalem Post

MADRID. — IT WAS NOON when Jose Antonio Martinez, editor of the liberal weekly, "Dobson," left his house. He was suddenly attacked by five masked men. One, grey-haired, gave military-police style orders. The others, in their 30s, obeyed.

Martinez was kidnapped. One of the men, three of whom had machineguns, quickly blinded him with aerosol spray. They then hustled him into a waiting car. His eyes and mouth were tightly taped, a jacket shackled his arms. A pistol was shoved in his side. He was formally informed of his abduction.

Then the kidnappers methodically and professionally beat their bound, gagged and blinded victim for 40 minutes as the car sped down crowded Madrid streets.

After changing cars, they repeatedly hit him on the head with sub-machinegun butts and questioned him about the movements and philosophies of three other liberal Madrid journalists. Later he was freed — arms and legs tied, mouth taped.

Martinez isn't seeing journalists these days, for good reason: He was forced to sign a statement — in triplicate — denouncing his own magazine's editorial line, and warned to leave Spain within three days

or else he and his wife would be killed. He remains in Madrid, though with an understandably low profile.

A female employee opened a package and noticed a strange, blackish powder. "My goodness, it's a bomb," she said, and a special bomb-squad of the Madrid police agreed — a three-unit, one-half kilo bomb set by skilled professionals.

Fortunately for Cambio, it did not explode. Fortunately for the rightists too, since if it had, the widow of the late Generalissimo Francisco Franco, living next door, would also have been blown to bits.

Across Maria Jose Goyares, who partially diabolos on stage in a play reflecting relaxed censorship here, did not receive a bomb or the five visitors. Just numerous letters saying unless she stopped her "pornographic activities" her head would be shaved and she would be forced to drink cayote oil.

"No one can say that what I do is pornographic," she later complained.

ed. "It seems as if we are going back to a new Inquisition."

SPAIN'S ULTRA-RIGHT is back in action — with a vengeance.

Since the death of Franco last November, ultra-right extremists had been relatively inactive. Most observers believed this was tied in with pro-form Interior Minister Manuel Fraga's tight rein on the 200,000 man police force, some of whom allegedly doubled as right-wing terrorists.

Now, as civil liberties assert themselves in post-Franco Spain, the press has become freer and more vocal, and opposition groups, especially the Communists, highly active. This has worried ultra-right vigilantes, whose renewed "crusade" focuses on unsuspecting liberals, outspoken publications, "Marxist-leaning" students — even actors.

There are various groups — Warriors of Christ the King, Friends of Europe, Syndicalist Action Group (G.A.S.) — but all rely on beatings, and have uncanny knowledge of victims' precise movements. Unlike left-wing extremist action, though, rightists' attacks largely go "unsolved." Some observers thus call them "virtually legal."

"If the government does not stamp

out this cancer (Marxism), the healthy forces of the nation, in legitimate self-defence, will appear on the campus," warns Mariano Sanchez-Corras, alleged head of the Warriors of Christ the King, whose contingents have beaten, bombed and macheted to such an extent that they are nearly indistinguishable from leftist extremists.

There have already been bloody leftist versus rightist clashes on campuses. One student brutally attacked was Prime Minister Carlos Arias' nephew.

Ironically, some political analysts argue the ultra-right could help government reform. The government's credibility has suffered since bloody police demonstrations on campuses in early March left seven dead. A semblance of credibility, these analysts say, could be restored if Fraga made good on promises to toss ultra-rightists in the name cell with leftist counterparts.

But opposition leaders are not waiting around for this eventuality. Alleges one: "This isn't the United States. We know where our ultra-rightists, and it is not isolated. Unlike theirs, ours is powerfully connected. And therefore, also unlike theirs, ours will never be caught."

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Chinese-built railway now in operation in Tanzania, Zambia

LUSAKA. — Chinese Vice-Premier Sun Chien yesterday formally presented the 1,360 km. Tanzania-Zambia railway (Tazara) — China's biggest overseas aid undertaking — to Presidents Julius Nyerere of Tanzania and Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia.

The railway is already working. Much of its cargo is copper, moved from landlocked Zambia to the port of Dar-es-Salaam in Tanzania.

At yesterday's ceremony, the ownership and management of the railway officially passed into the hands of Tanzania and Zambia. The hand-over crowned six years of work by the Chinese on a project once declared non-viable by the West.

Also attending the ceremony were Presidents Seretse Khama of Botswana and Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire.

The presence in Lusaka of the African heads of state seemed likely

to result in an unofficial summit meeting on central and southern African problems, observers said.

A noticeable absentee was Mozambique President Samora Machel, a member of the group of four "front line" African states — Mozambique, Zambia, Botswana and Tanzania — which meet frequently to plan strategies for ending white minority rule in southern Africa.

For landlocked Zambia, the entry into full operation of the railway comes at a crucial time, for it has lost its two other rail outlets to the sea. It closed its important rail links with Rhodesia in 1973 after the Rhodesian government accused it of harbouring African nationalist guerrillas.

The Benguela railway, through Angola to the Atlantic ocean, has been closed for almost a year because of the civil war in Angola.

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TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET:

Gains consolidated

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Yesterday's action in the share market indicated a certain amount of consolidation of recent gains. Price movement was by and large uneven, but there was still enough to cheer about.

The financials continued to outperform the rest of the market. Discount A gained 6, to 393. Hapalim new shares and the attendant options tacked on one point each to 244 and 142 respectively. Aryeh Insurance continued its sparkling performance of the past few sessions, jumping over the 500 mark to 505, a 12-point gain for the session.

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Hussein runs the show

THE LATEST change of government in Amman has caused some officials in Washington to jump to the conclusion that King Hussein has accepted Saudi Arabia's advice to drop the Soviet offer of SAM missiles and return to the U.S. for the Hawk deal instead. The conclusion may, however, be a trifle premature.

The first thing to remember about Jordan's political structure is that King Hussein is not a mere figurehead but truly a master in his own palace, and that any Jordanian cabinet is, in the strict sense of the term, the King's own cabinet. True, ex-Premier Zaid Rifai was something of an exception to the usual run of Jordanian Prime Ministers. He was a politician of independent ideas, and he wielded a powerful influence on the King. But Rifai is not out of the picture just because he is no longer formally head of government; he remains, by special appointment, Hussein's "political representative and adviser."

While a change of government might, therefore, serve King Hussein usefully as a device with which to signify a change of his mind about this or that policy, Rifai's dismissal need not necessarily mean that Jordan policies are about to undergo a significant transformation.

The policies that Rifai espoused and implemented in the name of Hussein — growing detachment from the U.S., incipient rapprochement with the Soviet Union and open embrace of Syria as an ally — were not exactly to the liking of either Jerusalem or Washington. Yet Hussein himself vigorously defended some of these policies — specifically his missile purchase plans — in an interview with "Newsweek" senior editor Arnold D. Borchgrave only last week. It would be foolhardy to assume that because the unpredictable monarch has now chosen to have a new Prime Minister he has also decided to go back to his old policies.

Striking to no purpose

THE SANCTIONS applied by the Treasury's tax officials are an attempt to get through the back door what they were formally denied three months ago by the Barkai committee. There are two alternative benefits that their staff committees can demand: a wage rise for everybody, or extensive re-grading for individual officials who have responsible jobs and could arguably merit promotion.

This second arrangement the Treasury is ready to negotiate. The present deadlock derives from the fact that what the employees are seeking will amount in the end to exactly that "special allowance" for all 6,000 revenue personnel, which the Treasury once granted and then was forced (by a majority of the civil servants) to withdraw.

Why then are Yosef Silberman and his fellow delegates returning to the charge? Because the Value Added Tax has been introduced, which provides a new opportunity for twisting the arm of the authorities. The allegation is that the VAT (and while they are at it, the reformed income tax too) are hard to apply, and the administrators should be paid more.

As concerns the junior officials, it is, of course, a strain to give up an old, familiar routine and to introduce new tax tables. It can be pointed out as a consolation that the working week remains unchanged, and any overtime hours continue to rate overtime pay.

The real grievance concerns the senior executives who, it is alleged, perform increasingly complex tasks and yet are consistently underpaid. The only way out would be to widen the wage gap between such highly-qualified individuals and the rank-and-file.

But the taxmen's representatives are not going to put their heads into that hornet's nest. They prefer the less troublesome method of asking more for the clerks and typists as well; which means that those subordinates will earn more than other clerks and typists in the public service, doing what is, after all, the same work.

The present sanctions are thus an attempt to achieve the impossible. The answer could only be the 1,200 back-to-work orders that have been issued by the Treasury. It is a pointless deadlock. The Civil Servants' Union, standing (as usual) on the sidelines, knows exactly what can be achieved. Although it signed for a general 2.5 per cent wage increase this year and no more, it can negotiate more within that framework — if only Silberman would let it.

That will naturally be the solution of the conflict in the end. The depressing thing is that the introduction of new tax reforms is being damaged by a demoralizing squabble (demoralizing to the taxpayers too) for the ultimate achievement of selective benefits that the Government has made it clear, can be secured equally well and a good deal more speedily, through peaceful negotiation.

THE COMING YEAR will be a testing time for American Jewry, when friction between U.S. global commitments and Israel's needs may compel the community to be stronger and more courageous than ever before.

This sober assessment of the American-Jewish dilemma came from Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, at an editorial staff meeting of The Jerusalem Post this week.

"Things will get worse before they get better," he predicted. "The question is whether American Jews will have the guts and stand up to make their positions known."

But to motivate such courage among the Jewish masses, the organizational leaders — especially the 32 united in the Presidents' Conference — must be kept fully informed by Israeli officials and allowed to be independent — not an echo, Rabbi Schindler stressed.

Some Israelis have been perturbed by Rabbi Schindler's insistence that the Presidents' Conference be the voice of American Jewry, rather than a mere extension of the Israel Government.

"But it is vital on both substantive and tactical grounds," asserted Rabbi Schindler, who has learned much about strategy and decision-making in Washington since he became chairman six months ago. "American Jewry can contribute resources that Israel lacks, and if the Conference merely echoes the Israel Government, there is no need for U.S. officials to listen to us."

While he did not ask that the Conference share in decision-making, he did think it should be "involved in the decision-making process."

In the halcyon period before the Yom Kippur War, he noted, "American Jewry was unanimous in

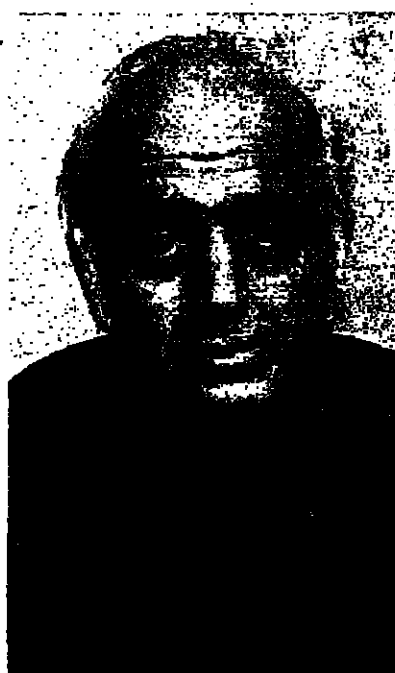
accepting the wisdom of the Government of Israel." Now, although there has been "absolutely no erosion of support for Israel by American Jews, there has been some erosion of confidence, some questioning of policy, like that which has been taking place inside Israel itself."

Still, the dissent hasn't been as extensive as portrayed, and it is impossible to describe it by using the terms "hawk" and "dove." There isn't a "dove" in the American Jewish community who says, "Let's get out of Israel" or a "hawk" who says, "Let's level Damascus." The difference in viewpoint, he explained, is on the extent of risk to take for peace.

The seeming dissension between Israel and the Diaspora is stimulated by "leaders of the opposition and splinter parties" who expound on the differences when they meet U.S. leaders visiting Israel or when they brief them in Congress. In reply to a question whether he was referring to MK Arye Eliav, Rabbi Schindler said not just to him but to others on the right as well as on the left, except for Likud leader Menachem Begin, who "is always

No 'echo' role for American Jewry

In the coming year, the friction between America's global commitments and Israel's needs will call for a bolder stand by U.S. Jewry, RABBI ALEXANDER SCHINDLER, chairman of the "Presidents' Conference," told the POST editorial staff. JUDY SIEGEL reports.



Rabbi Schindler

careful and always a gentleman." The Presidents' Conference itself has agreed unanimously not to condone the actions of those Jewish groups which put advertisements in American newspapers or organize demonstrations lambasting Israel's policy.

THE 32-year old president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform), in his capacity as chairman of the Presidents' Conference, has met Democratic presidential front-runner Jimmy Carter for a total of three hours and spent much more time speaking with his top aides and reading his position papers. On the eve of the Democratic National Convention, Carter sent a telegram to Rabbi Schindler, stating his desire to address the Presidents' Conference and expressing his intention to maintain contact with the Jewish community through the Conference. Standing by its policy of not endorsing political candidates, the Conference has maintained lines of communication with Republicans as well.

"Carter is a consummate politician, who has sensed the air of

America beautifully. His policies were carefully drawn to attract as many voters as possible and so both sides to an issue would give their support and be satisfied," said the Munich-born rabbi with admiration. As an example of Carter's political art, Schindler cited the candidate's promise to pardon Vietnam War deserters. Carter said he would not give them amnesty, but would pardon them within two weeks of taking office, thus labelling them guilty, but allowing them to come home.

Carter is "a very tough guy" and appears to be — as he has himself proclaimed on the primary trail — a "very religious man, a true believer." Rabbi Schindler does not think that Carter's fundamentalist faith is anything for the Jews to fear. It may even be a plus for Israel as his belief in the Bible includes acceptance of God's promise of the Land to the Jews. "And his strong emphasis on morality will be an indispensable factor in his foreign relations, since the moral argument is Israel's strongest claim on U.S. support."

The Democrat has certain conceptions that may work against Israel, the Rabbi said. One is that the American relationship with Western allies must come before the tackling of its relationship with the Soviet Union. Another is Carter's perception that economics is an important factor in international relationships, rather than just politics.

It is unrealistic, said Rabbi Schindler, to think of the peasant farmer from Georgia as a man "from the sticks" who will immerse himself in domestic issues and leave foreign affairs to others if elected president. Carter will find the temptation to be his own Secretary of State irresistible; domestic problems may seem so insoluble that he will want to plough the broad field of foreign problems to increase his yield of success.

VIEWPOINT

MOSHE KOHN

A nation of hostages

NOW, PERHAPS, a week and a half after Entebbe, one may be allowed to be a wet blanket. Having allowed myself, I should like to draw attention to two sets of reactions to that feat which all of us, especially our leaders, ought to pay special attention. One is the reaction of some of the "nations of the world." The other is the reaction of the Jewish nation, the Israelis in particular.

With very few exceptions, the reactions of the world's governments and statesmen are only one more indication — a very concentrated and blatant one — that in this age of total permissiveness and lack of shame in all areas of life, the only misadventure is to cry "Shame!"

Israel probably will never be forgiven for having shown the "family of nations" to be, under its aminal array of medals and tassels, to be mostly impotent kids, running naked through the streets, drooling petro-pollution from every hole.

The reaction of the Israel nation shows that a bold stand and bold action by our Government on life-and-death matters erases nearly all of the "hawk-dove" distinctions and unites the nation. I refer not merely to the joy over the success of the Entebbe action at such relatively lit-

tle cost of Israeli blood. I mean primarily the outpouring of pride in and love for the Government and especially for Zehai — love expressed not only in cheering but, above all, in an outpouring of readiness for self-sacrifice.

Our leaders and the nation as a whole would do well to bear both these lessons in mind in the future conduct of our international affairs. Let us bear in mind the nature of this "family of nations" that is pressing us — sometimes by appeals to our conscience, sometimes by reminding us that we need their "good-will" — to consider the "legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."

Above all, let us bear in mind the capacity of our nation to rise to heights of solidarity and self-sacrifice when the issue is clear and when the Government shows itself

capable of adopting a clear line whose primary consideration is our own best interests.

THERE IS one more thing we ought to try to remember. We are a nation of hostages not only when some of us are being held by Arab-German-Turkish-Ugandan Left-fascist racists. We are a nation at war not only when the bombs and shells are exploding in our midst.

Therefore, our will to live, our solidarity, our joy and pride in each other, our readiness to do for each other, talk to each other, dance with each other, cannot wait for the occasional Six Day War and its glorious outcome, a Yom Kippur War with a pipedream of another "miraculous" victory, or an Entebbe "miracle." These must become a feature of our daily lives, the stuff of our day-to-day confrontation with our socio-economic problems, education, aliyah, our relations with Diaspora Jewry, and even our relations with the non-Jews in our midst and across our borders.

In the same way that so many of us are the kind of soldiers we are in our wars and in Entebbe actions, so must all of us be one national "crack unit" in our day-to-day struggle to create the kind of life our Judaism and Zionism outline for us.

READERS' LETTERS

The 'Spirit of Entebbe' and Russian emigrants

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — A yearning for forceful decisions and resolute actions has surged among some Jewish groups in the Diaspora, some Israelis, and among Russian emigrants. They are disgusted with the political failures of recent years, with economic stagnation, with scandalous practices in absorption, with the pusky insouciance of our enemies and the spineless cringing of our friends.

There is a new urge for action, a wish to attack economic and social problems with the determination of an "Operation Entebbe," and at a single stroke regain respect and prestige. What object has been chosen for this "operation"?

Everybody agrees (few those at odds on all other matters) that "something has to be done about them." One should bar them from travelling to any country except Israel, since the Soviet Union issues them visas for Israel only. One should stop all assistance to them if they do not go to Israel. In short, they must be made to come to Israel. And why so? Because we need aliyah. That we need aliyah no one can

deny. But will these bewildered people, coerced into coming here, really be coming on aliyah? Will their absorption problems have been solved by preventing them from going anywhere else? And will their position really be any different from that of American Jews who fail to emigrate to Israel altogether?

Among the likely consequences of such a policy we foresee the following:

1. The Soviet authorities will use it for anti-Zionist propaganda, maintaining that Israel freedom is but a sham, and that Zionists care for it no more than do they, the Communists. This propaganda will be very effective, for it will be backed by thousands of letters from Israel, written by those refused permission to go to America.
2. The Zionist movement in Russia will be discredited, its leaders will be placed in a position of having to justify their own actions, and we shall have repelled Russian Jewish youth for many years to come.

Is this really what we want?

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IN DEFENCE OF ALIYA EMISSARIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In response to the criticism of aliyah representatives abroad by Knesset Members Gela Cohen and Matilda Ghez, I would like to refute these allegations as far as Britain is concerned.

The British Aliyah Movement (BAM), a national organization pledged to promote aliyah and guided by a body of hard-working volunteers, is in the best possible position to judge the value and effort of shikim operating in Great Britain.

I, personally, have had experience of various waves of emissaries over the past 10 years and must admit that many of them left much to be desired. Self-interest, indifference and downright incompetence were often the order of the day.

But let me now state quite unequivocally: the current team of emissaries is probably the best these islands have ever had. They are selfless, hard-working and even inspiring representatives of Israel and its people.

The irony is that the number of immigrants from Britain is dropping. But there are many reasons for this and it should be made quite clear that the emissaries here are in no way responsible. No Jews are more fickle than the British Jews when it comes to putting loyalty into prac-

tice. The problems of promoting aliyah are enormous.

Let the detractors look to their laurels, for more frightening is the number of olim from the West who quickly become yordim. Wipe out the quagmire of bureaucracy, discourtesy and even hostility that Western immigrants face in Israel and it will make the valiant shikim's job here that much easier.

By the way, they don't have time for "mixing with plutocrats and heads of state at cocktail parties."

They're far too busy for such chauvinistic pleasures!

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ATTENTION DELEGATES TO THE JEWISH AGENCY ASSEMBLY

Why are more than half of the Soviet Jewish emigrés throwing their Israel entry visas back in our faces?

Let us examine the reactions of immigrants who have accepted our invitation and arrived in Israel:

- We came to Israel with the hope of fulfilling ourselves as Jews, but we found a predominantly secular materialistic society. This is a source of deep pain and anguish for us.
- In Georgia, we had well organized Jewish community services with large synagogues and beautiful mikvas (ritual baths). Here we were sent by absorption authorities to immigrant housing where we pray in air-raid shelters and travel long distances to the mikva.
- In Carpathian Ukraine, we prayed secretly in private homes. Here we expected to find beautiful synagogues in our neighbourhoods. We found clinics, shopping centres, and community centres, but no synagogues or mikvas. We are back to praying in someone's unoccupied apartment.

These are some of the reactions which we have received from immigrants and which are reported back to friends and family still living in Russia. The vast majority of newcomers to Israel expect to find a Jewish religious atmosphere in the country and are disappointed when they arrive. Furthermore, the ministry executives entrusted with immigrant absorption are the least qualified to deal with the spiritual problems of immigrants: they are members of Mapam — the left-wing partner of the Labour alignment. Moreover, the Government takes no interest in ensuring the religious rights of immigrant groups, such as the building of synagogues and mikvas in immigrant neighbourhoods and properly informing the newcomers of the availability of religious schooling for their children.

AS A RESULT: A 25-year-old religious vacuum has been created by absorption authorities. Instead of fostering bonds between immigrant groups based on our common Jewishness, absorption policy has resulted in the fragmentation of Israeli society. Among the bitter fruits of absorption failure are the aliyah drop-out of Russian emigrés and the failure to attract Western immigrants. There are also deep-seated problems of long-time North African and Asian immigrants, directly related to past and present absorption policy. A recent report of the Department of Criminology at Bar-Ilan University stated:

"The incidence of criminals and criminality among Asian and African immigrants and their children is far above their representation in the population and comes close to that of the Negroes in the United States." (Crime and Social Deviance, Vol. 3, No. 1, Spring 1975)

These facts are known to the Government and yet no changes are being made.

HONOURABLE DELEGATE: Immigrant absorption can be improved. If you protest the present spiritual vacuum characterizing the absorption services; if you understand that only by satisfying the spiritual thirst of immigrants can absorption be successful; and if you work to remove the present immigrant absorption executives and place this vital task in the hands of independent, non-political men who can understand the spiritual hardships experienced by immigrants, we will be glad to provide you with more information on the failure of immigrant absorption and how it may be changed.

If we are concerned with the fate and quality of immigration to Israel, please contact us and we'll let you know what we have learned from our 27 years of working with the spiritual absorption of immigrants.

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DAVAR (Hafetz) says it is sad evidence of the state of the UN and its Security Council that even in a just matter like the rescue operation at Entebbe, there is no prospect of a resolution being adopted which would be in keeping with the principles of decency and justice. The question is only whether the Afro-Communist-nationalist coalition will succeed in recruiting nine votes, thus entailing a U.S. veto.

The response of the enlightened countries of the world takes on more than ordinary importance, precisely because of the coolness of U.S. Ambassador Scrantom to various aspects of Israeli policy in the past. His outspoken condemnation of hijacking and support of the rescue operation deserves praise. As for the British, whose "moderation" reflects a concern for the welfare of British citizens still in Uganda, their co-

sponsorship of the resolution condemning hijacking is the most encouraging example of psychological recovery on the part of the West that we have seen in a long time.

On the other hand, it will be regrettable if Rumania, which has prided itself on its independent foreign policy and which did not lend itself to the equation of Zionism with racism, now joins our denouncers. It will disprove all the theories about the revocation of the Brezhnev doctrine. For Mexico, outgoing President Luis Echeverria seems so intent on courting the Third World that he has ordered his UN Ambassador to denounce the Israeli action in the strongest terms. This of course puts to naught all the attempts to improve Mexican-Israeli relations following the Mexican vote against Zionism. The American Jewish community will certainly know how to react.

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